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EXECUTIVE MAYOR'S FOREWORD

During the National government elections that were held recently, the governing party made a firm pledge to the electorate. We said that we would make government work better for you at all spheres. We indicated a determination to tackle the major challenges of urbanisation and migration, economic development and job creation, service delivery, globalisation, poverty, and urban renewal with a greater sense of urgency. We remain conscious of the fact that it has been 30 years of a democratic country since the first general elections were held in 1994, **and this has required us to consider the following priorities in the work we do as government:**

- **Creation of decent work and sustainable livelihoods.**
- **Education**
- **Health**
- **Rural Development; and**
- **The fight against crime and corruption**

We still have to do more, a lot more to ensure that our community receives the services that are due to them, which is their constitutional right. On behalf of the Municipality, we pledge to serve our community with humility and gratitude and acknowledge that much still needs to be done, we need to lift our eyes, and climb the mountain that is ahead of us.

As we strive to Consolidate Governance, we look forward to your support for the efforts and all the decisions taken by various instruments of the Municipality to improve the lives of all citizens.

I take this opportunity to invite you to take the time out to read this offering at your leisure and pleasure. I hope that you will find the time to send us your thoughts and engage the Municipality so that we may be afforded the opportunity to find out what you think of the services we provide, your feedback and inputs are always welcome.

Mr Sheila Mabale-Huma
Executive Mayor



Introduction of the Contractor for the Construction of Sidewalks

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The Rustenburg Local Municipality introduced the contractor who will be constructing sidewalks along Karee Road in the Marikana CBD to the Township. On the 24th of July 2024, the Honourable Executive Mayor, Cllr Shiela Mabale-Huma, invited the Ward 31 and Ward 32 communities to gather at the Marikana Community Hall. The purpose of the gathering was to introduce the contractor who will be laying down sidewalks.

The Executive Mayor Shiela Mabale-Huma, along with Members of the Mayoral Committee Cllr Nombulelo Xatasi, responsible for Community Development, Cllr Ofentse Kombe, responsible for Budget and Treasury Office, Cllr Isabela Macone, responsible for IDP, Cllr Selebaleng Pule, responsible for Roads and Rapid Transport, and Cllr Virginia Mputle, responsible for Public Safety, was also accompanied by the supporting staff of the Rustenburg Local Municipality.

Councilor for Ward 31 Vuyiswa Shomang, along with Councilor for Ward 32 John Salang, joined together to mobilize residents to the Marikana Community Hall. The event was well attended, with residents eager to hear about the way forward for the upcoming project. It was announced and introduced that the Municipality appointed T.P. Noko Construction, and CLO Mayizuke Sotondoshe was also appointed.

The construction of the sidewalk has a budget of R13 151 985,12, funded by the Neighborhood Development Partnership Grant. The sidewalk will be 2km long and 2m wide concrete paving on both sides of the road. In addition, there will be an installation of road signs and road markings, where needed, and speed humps will be installed with repairs also being done to any road deformation and installation of new stormwater culvert pipes. The commencement date of the project was set for the 6th of June 2024, with a time frame of 8 months for completion. As the project is already behind schedule, it was encouraged that both CLO and T.P. Noko swiftly work together to ensure that the appointment of workers is made a priority and that qualifying sub-contractors are also identified.

The Executive Mayor fielded questions from concerned residents seeking clarification about the project. The supporting staff members of the Municipality were able to provide clarity where needed. Additionally, the Executive Mayor strongly advised against any attempts to hinder or disrupt the project, emphasizing that the construction of the sidewalk is for the benefit of Marikana residents.





Launch Of The District Thuntsha Lerole Accelerated Service Delivery Program

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The District Thuntsha Lerole accelerated service delivery programme took place at Thekwane village, Ward 45 on the 23rd of August 2024. The programme is implemented on two fronts, first, direct services targeted on individual community members taking place at the venue, including services offered by social development, education, health, home affairs, SASSA, Local Economic Development (LED) and other services. Secondly, it is the infrastructure maintenance and law enforcement services, including, patching of tar surfaced roads, road markings, blading of gravel roads, grass cutting, litter picking and illegal dumping clearance.

There are other services targeted at supporting poor and vulnerable identified community members, including distribution of food parcels, and small business support, for example, supply of material for the car wash services. Thuntsha Lerole is the Accelerated Service Delivery Plan (ASDP) that is centred on prioritising the roll out of key infrastructure projects across the Northwest province. The Northwest province launched the plan in December 2021 to give all citizens equitable access to necessary services, regardless of their socioeconomic status. Furthermore, ASDP aims to protect existing jobs and create new ones, while addressing the negative impact of violent protests on private businesses and infrastructure.

The program will be rolled out every second week, and will be led by the Executive Mayor, Cllr Shiela Mabale-Huma. The launch of Thuntsha Lerole is in line with the pronouncement made by Premier Lazarus Mokgosi during the opening of the North West Provincial Legislature.





Launch Of The Job Shadowing Program At The Sibanye Stillwater Rec Club

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Considering our South African background and history as a nation, there were various discriminations and flaws in the system that disadvantaged black individuals, denying them the same opportunities and treatment as their white counterparts. Despite 30 years of democracy, there are still challenges that need to be addressed to counteract the impact of the past on black men and women. The introduction of job shadowing programs aims to bridge this gap by providing young boys and girls with exposure to different career opportunities beyond traditional professions such as lawyers, doctors, and accountants.

Job shadowing involves observing a day in the life of someone else's role, including watching their day-to-day tasks, attending meetings, and learning about their work routine. The Job Shadowing program, launched in partnership with TechnoGirl, Sibanye Stillwater, Agape Youth Movement, NYDA, and the Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, aims to provide young individuals with insights into a variety of career options.

TechnoGirl focuses on empowering young girls from grade 8 to matric by providing mentorship and comprehensive career information. The program typically accepts about 27 children for each session.

During the program, the Marikana Youth Programme presented a dramatisation illustrating how family breakdown can impact young individuals in a community, highlighting the potential effects of growing up in an abusive environment. This emphasised the positive impact that youth programs and initiatives, such as job shadowing, can have on the lives of young people.

The event featured influential women who held positions previously dominated by men. They shared their experiences and pledged their support for the program. Ms. Thabisile Phumo, the Executive Vice President of Sibanye Stillwater, encouraged other stakeholders to support the program, while Ms. Karabo Mohale, the Executive Deputy Chairperson of the NYDA, energised the audience by highlighting the available programs and encouraging young people to seek beneficial information. Additionally, Ms. Thembeke Matshoba of Modi Mining stressed the importance of gaining real work experience to make informed decisions.



The official opening and launch of the Job Shadowing program was marked by a keynote address from Hon Ms. Mapaseka Steve Letsike, the Deputy Minister in the Presidency responsible for Women, Youth, and Persons with Disabilities.

She emphasised the impact of these programs on communities and the significance of gender equality in the workplace, particularly addressing young people at such an early age. The Deputy Minister also discussed the rapid advancements in technology, noting the potential of 6G internet and its impact on society. She expressed her enthusiasm for the program and its potential to develop and expose the youth to a brighter future, hoping for further partnerships with private companies to expand the program's reach.





His Legacy Lives On: 67 Minutes For Mandela Day

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Nelson Mandela International Day is an annual event celebrated on the 18th of July to honour our former leader, Nelson Mandela. On this day, South Africans are encouraged to take a moment to reflect on Mandela's accomplishments, specifically dedicating 67 minutes to community service, which symbolizes the 67 years he dedicated to serving his country. This day is commemorated through acts of kindness, community service, and donations to local organisations and charities.

The upgrading of Popo Molefe is driven through the Implementation Protocol made and entered into between the National Department of Human Settlement, Northwest Provincial Department of Human Settlement and Rustenburg Local Municipality in respect of Boitekong Cluster Priority Development Project in October 2021. Subsequently, on 30 May 2022, the Rustenburg Local Municipality appointed consultants on risk for implementation of Department of Human Settlement subsidy quantum and grant. The objective is to make these areas habitable and conducive to raising families. This means prioritising the provision of basic infrastructure, services, and land tenure for informal settlement households.

The Tsholetsa Disability Centre was established in 2012 by its founder, Richard Tlhogoe, who initially operated from his own home before moving to the vacant facilities once occupied by Iteko Special School to prevent vandalism.

On the day, the MEC was joined by the Bojanala District Municipality MMC of Finance Cllr Ignatius Mosoki, Acting Mayor Cllr Virginia Mputle from the Rustenburg Local Municipality, and MMC of Local Economic Development, Cllr Karabo Phuthu, the day featured a program where the dignitaries participated in various activities such as pottery, painting the facilities, grass cutting, manufacturing thermos glass, and gardening. The MEC and Acting Mayor also planted a few plants for the Centre.

During her speech, the MEC emphasised the values and spirit of UBUNTU, encouraging everyone to strive to assist their community and support those with dreams of bettering the world around them.

The centre officially became a Non-Governmental Organization in 2014 and has grown to serve over 70 beneficiaries. The Centre offers various training and assistance to people living with disabilities, including gardening, sign language, pottery making, manufacturing of thermos glass, crafting fashion accessories and furniture from recycled items, as well as IT-related activities.

This year, the Department of Public Works & Roads, with the Northwest MEC, the Honourable Sempe Elizabeth Mokua, nominated Tsholetsa as a beneficiary for their 67 minutes' contribution. The MEC's office has pledged to support the centre with renovations to ensure safety, including the installation of a fence and electrical works. Additionally, they will donate tyres for recycling and confer Caretakership to the founder of the Centre, providing rental cost relief for the next 36 months from 01 April 2024 until 31st March 2027. This will greatly support the Centre in its mission to assist people with disabilities in the community.





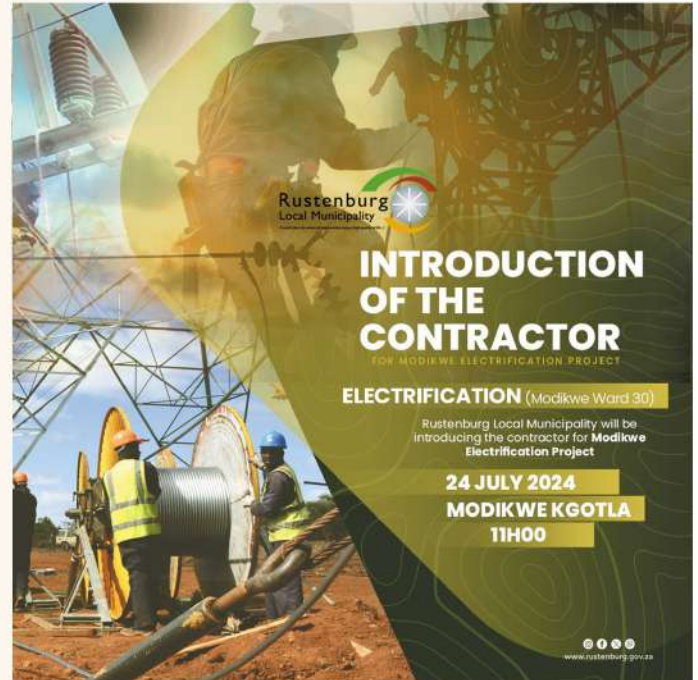
Introduction of the Contractor for the Modikwe Electricity Project

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Electricity is a necessity for many communities. The Rustenburg Local Municipality collaborated with Eskom to bring electricity to Ward 30. Executive Shiela Mabale-Huma invited the Modikwe community to gather at the Modikwe Kgotla for the Introduction of the Contractor for the Modikwe Electrification project.

In the absence of the Executive Mayor, the Mayoral Council was represented, by MMC Thabang Rampou acting as the Executive Mayor. He was accompanied by Cllr Ofentse Kombe, responsible for the Budget and Treasury Office, Cllr Isabela Macone responsible for IDP, and Cllr Nombulelo Xatasi, responsible for Community Development. They were warmly welcomed by Cllr T.Z Mooketsi and the residents of Ward 30.

As part of the Integrated Development Plan, it was identified that residents in Modikwe Village, specifically in the Madibeng, Thabaneng, and Rantshoke Sections, required electricity. Rustenburg Local Municipality requested Eskom to appoint a contractor to perform the necessary installations. This project is part of the 2024/2025 Electrification Plan. A thorough inspection revealed about 360 new stands with houses made of corrugated iron, with only a few made of bricks will be needing the installation of electricity. It was also evident that no other services had been provided in the area, and the community was eagerly awaiting the installation of electricity by Eskom.



The purpose of the day was to introduce the Chitipa Group, the chosen contractors appointed by Eskom to undertake the Electrification Project. The female duo was welcomed by the community, as it was not their first time serving the community of Modikwe. Kagiso Disoke, a native of Modikwe, was chosen as the CLO for the project. The Acting Executive Mayor encouraged her to collaborate effectively with the chosen contractor and the community and to fairly appoint those qualified to work on the project, rather than just seeking out friends to do the work.





Bojanala National Teaching Awards 2024

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The role of a teacher is evident through their many actions, and the fundamental role they play cannot be denied. They inspire students to pursue their dreams and aspirations, motivate learners to do their best at all times, and provide encouragement to those who may feel like giving up. Most importantly, teachers educate and ensure that knowledge is imparted to their students.

The Bojanala National Teachers Awards is a time when our teachers are recognized for their hard work and dedication. This annual event allows teachers to showcase their strengths and commitment to serving our children. The district of Bojanala and the Department of Education have come together to engage and celebrate these phenomenal teachers who go above and beyond in educating our kids.

The day was truly honoured with a theme of white, green, and black. MMC Nombulelo Xatasi was delegated to attend the event on behalf of the Executive Mayor, who welcomed guests. Ms. M. Nelson conducted the candle lighting, using it as an analogy to demonstrate how it works. Just like a teacher who imparts knowledge to students, the candle consumes itself to light up the room. Dr. D.D. Tlhowe outlined the day's observations, followed by Dr. S.H. Mvula who delivered a moving and motivational message of support to all award recipients and encouragement for those who did not receive an award to try again next year. The awards that were conferred to the teachers were Excellence in Grade R Teaching, Excellence in Primary School Teaching, and Excellence in Secondary Teaching, where Rustenburg received first place. Dr. M.J. Paledi closed with a beautiful vote of thanks, highlighting the remarkable work done by our teachers to reach their current status.

The role of a teacher extends beyond the classroom and continues to impact students as they apply what they have learned in the real world. Once a strong foundation has been laid, it cannot be shaken, and it allows children to pursue their dreams and vision without hesitation.





MODERN DAY WOMAN

“Modern day women”, that’s what they call us. We question, we ask, we challenge and stand up for what is right. 30 years into democracy yet still fighting to take up spaces, climb ladders and try to create space for more resilient women like ourselves. Challenging? Yes. Am I going to quit? A million times N-O.

We live in a society where success is associated with masculinity and oftentimes age. Women can study as much as they want, over-convince that they too are capable and able to fill up spaces. But our body sizes, age and femineity oftentimes create a stumbling block to where the road is headed. However, the drill of making homes, carrying babies, mastering education and still breaking barriers to open professional ways for ourselves never ceases. Like an adrenaline, we roll up-and-down with the waves. Stepping stones are never confused with stumbling blocks. The coast is always very clear, and vision never blurry.

Being a woman in today’s age means forever fighting for ourselves and our rights. Levelling the battlefield with men to eventually be seen for more just our beauty or bodies. Fighting to continuously being taken with forethought and circulating the baton for equal opportunity for us all. Everyday feels like a movie scene, and worth every chance and opportunity thrown at us.

Easily what defines me; stoic, level-headed and not easily intimidated by masculinity!!!





Understanding IDP Process

The Rustenburg Local Municipality develops the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) framework. The IDP framework is developed in a period of five years and gets reviewed annually when the process plan is developed.

The IDP is divided into five phases:



Analysis is the first phase, where information is collected on the existing conditions within the municipality. Information, for the financial year is updated and inequalities are identified to allow the municipality to develop strategies to respond to the various challenges. External stakeholders are also engaged during this process through the IDP Public Participation. This process gives stakeholders an opportunity to represent the interests of their constituencies, as well as provide a structure for discussions, negotiations, and joint sittings

Strategy the second phase where all stakeholders and interested parties are invited on a regular basis to preparatory meetings that are convened by the speaker's office. The completion of the analysis phase leads to the strategic phase.

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The final stage, which is the **approval** stage requires that the final IDP document be approved by the Municipality, and submitted to the MEC of COGTA



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