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Rustenburg Strengthens Waste Management with New Specialised Fleet

The Rustenburg Local Municipality continues to make significant strides in improving service delivery through the procurement of specialised waste management fleet. Following an application to the North West Provincial Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) in 2024, the Municipality secured funding in March 2025 to acquire critical waste management equipment. The majority of the fleet, including a landfill compactor, low bed, excavator, front end loader, skid steer loaders, and tipper trucks, was successfully delivered in December 2025, with the remaining units expected in early 2026.

This investment directly responds to previous Auditor-General findings regarding the shortage of essential equipment and is already enhancing operations at the Waterval Landfill Site the largest in the province. The additional machinery is improving landfill compliance, which currently stands at 86%, while also strengthening the Municipality's capacity to manage high volumes of waste efficiently.

Importantly, the new fleet is enabling the Municipality to intensify the clearing of illegal dumping, particularly in informal settlements and hard-to-reach areas. Equipment such as excavators and front-end loaders will assist in maintaining water channels, reducing environmental risks, and improving overall community safety. The procurement of a dedicated low bed will further improve operational efficiency by enabling the transportation of heavy machinery across the Municipality's 45 wards, including areas located far from the central depot. In addition, skid steer loaders will ensure that waste collection services reach narrow and previously inaccessible areas. To further enhance capacity, the Municipality is in the process of procuring additional Roll-On Roll-Off (RORO) trucks and cage trucks with cranes. These will support operations at the Garden Waste Facility and strengthen efforts to combat illegal dumping across all communities.

The newly acquired fleet was officially handed over on 05 March 2026 by the Executive Mayor and Members of the Mayoral Committee to the municipal administration, led by Accounting Officer Adv Ashmar Khuduge. The Executive Mayor emphasised that this investment positions the Municipality to better serve previously neglected and outlying areas, accelerating service delivery and promoting a cleaner, safer Rustenburg for all.



Easter Road Safety Programme: A Commitment To Saving Lives In Rustenburg

The Easter period remains one of the busiest travel seasons in South Africa, often marked by a significant increase in road traffic volumes as families, holidaymakers, and religious communities' journey across the country. Recognising the heightened risks associated with this period, the Rustenburg Local Municipality, under the leadership of Executive Mayor Cllr Shiela Mabale-Huma, once again demonstrated its unwavering commitment to public safety through the successful implementation of the 2026 Easter Road Safety Programme. This year's programme was a coordinated, multi-stakeholder initiative aimed at reducing road accidents, promoting responsible driving behaviour, and ensuring the safe movement of all road users within the municipality. The campaign formed part of the broader national "Arrive Alive" initiative, aligning local efforts with provincial and national road safety strategies.

The success of the Easter Road Safety Programme can be attributed to the strong collaboration between various stakeholders. Key partners included the South African Police Service (SAPS) from Phokeng, Rustenburg, Tlhabane, and Boitekong, Provincial Traffic and Road Safety, the Road Accident Fund (RAF), Home Affairs, Rustenburg Bus Association (RBA), Transnet, and major mining houses such as Impala and Glencore. These stakeholders worked collectively to ensure increased visibility on major routes, particularly high-risk areas and entry points into Rustenburg. Joint roadblocks, stop-and-search operations, and vehicle inspections were conducted throughout the Easter weekend to enforce compliance with road regulations. Road safety messages emphasised the dangers of speeding, driving under the influence of alcohol, fatigue, and distracted driving. Pedestrians were also urged to remain vigilant, use designated crossing points, and wear visible clothing at night.

Executive Mayor Cllr Shiela Mabale-Huma played an active role in the campaign, leading oversight visits and engaging directly with law enforcement officers and community members. Her presence underscored the municipality's hands-on approach and commitment to ensuring the safety of its residents and visitors. "The safety of our people is not negotiable. Every life matters, and through programmes like these, we are working to ensure that everyone who travels during this period arrives safely at their destination," she said. Preliminary observations indicate improved compliance among motorists compared to previous years, with many road users responding positively to the increased visibility of law enforcement. Community members also expressed appreciation for the municipality's proactive efforts in prioritising road safety.

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While challenges such as reckless driving and non-compliance persist, the programme has contributed to raising awareness and reinforcing the importance of shared responsibility on the roads.



The Rustenburg Local Municipality acknowledges that road safety is not limited to peak periods such as Easter but requires sustained effort throughout the year. Lessons learned from the Easter campaign will inform future interventions, with plans to strengthen education initiatives, enhance enforcement strategies, and deepen stakeholder collaboration. The 2026 Easter Road Safety Programme stands as a testament to what can be achieved through collaboration, leadership, and community engagement. While significant strides have been made, the journey towards safer roads continues.

The Rustenburg Local Municipality remains committed to building a culture of road safety, ensuring that every resident and visitor can travel with confidence and security.

“Arrive Alive — Your Safety is in Your Hands.”

IMSSA Games Launched in Rustenburg to Strengthen Institutional Cohesion and Employee Wellbeing

Rustenburg Local Municipality Launches IMSSA Games to Promote Unity and Wellness along with Executive Mayor Kgomotso Huma Shiela Mabale Huma and Members of the Mayoral Committee. The vibrant ceremony marked the beginning of a sporting programme designed to bring together municipal employees through healthy competition, teamwork, and camaraderie.

The IMSSA Games serve as a vital platform for promoting employee wellness, unity, and collaboration across municipalities. By participating in various sporting codes, municipal employees are encouraged to adopt healthier lifestyles while building stronger professional relationships beyond the workplace. In an address to attendees, the Executive Mayor emphasised the significant role that sport plays in fostering discipline, teamwork, and resilience. The mayor highlighted that initiatives such as the IMSSA Games are instrumental in cultivating a positive workplace culture and strengthening cooperation among municipalities nationwide.

“The IMSSA Games are not only about competition, but about building friendships, encouraging wellness, and promoting the spirit of unity among municipal employees. Sport has the power to bring people together, inspire excellence, and create lasting bonds,” said the Executive Mayor. Members of the Mayoral Committee attended the launch in support of the participating teams, demonstrating the municipality’s commitment to programmes that promote employee wellbeing and balanced lifestyles. The leadership underscored that a healthy and motivated workforce is essential for delivering quality services to communities. The launch event generated a strong sense of anticipation as teams prepared to showcase their skills and represent their municipalities with pride. The games will feature a variety of sporting activities aimed at testing endurance, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Rustenburg Local Municipality continues to champion initiatives that promote unity, wellness, and talent development through sport, recognising the role such programmes play in building stronger institutions and vibrant communities. The municipality extends its best wishes to all participating teams and encourages them to uphold the true spirit of sportsmanship throughout the competition.





Rustenburg Local Municipality Strengthens Community Development Through Contractor Handover Initiatives

The Rustenburg Local Municipality, under the leadership of Executive Mayor Cllr Shiela Mabale-Huma, continues to advance service delivery and infrastructure development through a series of contractor handover initiatives across various communities. These engagements form part of the Municipality's broader commitment to promoting transparency, strengthening community participation, and advancing sustainable development.

In recent weeks, the Office of the Executive Mayor has led several community engagement sessions to officially introduce contractors appointed to implement key infrastructure and development projects. These include the Monakato Water Storage and Pump Station Project, the Phatsima Water Pipeline Replacement Project, the Tlhabane AC Sewer Replacement Phase 2B Project, the construction of the Freedom Park Mall, as well as the construction of sidewalks along Karee Road in Marikana. The introduction of contractors represents a critical milestone in the implementation of these projects, ensuring that communities are not only informed but are also actively involved and empowered to engage directly with those responsible for service delivery. Across all engagements, residents were provided with detailed information on project scope, timelines, and expected outcomes, while also being given a platform to raise concerns and ask questions. A key focus of these initiatives is addressing pressing service delivery challenges, particularly in water and sanitation infrastructure. The Monakato and Phatsima projects are aimed at improving water supply reliability, enhancing system efficiency, reducing leakages, and ensuring consistent water pressure. In Tlhabane, the sewer infrastructure upgrade seeks to replace aging asbestos cement pipelines with modern systems, thereby reducing sewer spillages and improving environmental and public health conditions.

In addition, the Karee Road Sidewalks Project in Marikana highlights the Municipality's commitment to improving road safety and enhancing pedestrian mobility. The construction of sidewalks will provide safer access for residents, particularly school learners, workers, and community members who rely on the road daily. This initiative not only improves accessibility but also restores dignity and promotes safer, more inclusive public spaces.

Beyond service delivery, the Municipality is also prioritising economic development and empowerment. The Freedom Park Mall project and other infrastructure initiatives are expected to stimulate local economic growth, create employment opportunities, and support Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) through subcontracting and participation in project implementation. Similarly, the Karee Road project will prioritise local labour and create opportunities for SMMEs through the supply of materials and subcontracting, contributing to skills development and job creation. Throughout these engagements, Executive Mayor Mabale-Huma has consistently emphasised the importance of transparency, accountability, and collaboration between the Municipality, contractors, and communities.

“These engagements are vital in ensuring that our communities are actively included in development processes. By introducing contractors, we promote transparency, build trust, and ensure that residents fully understand the value and impact of these projects. These initiatives are about restoring dignity, improving safety, and creating environments that support both social and economic activity,” she said.

Community members have also been encouraged to play an active role in safeguarding municipal infrastructure, cooperating with contractors on-site, and supporting the successful and timely completion of projects. These contractor handover initiatives reflect the Rustenburg Local Municipality’s ongoing commitment to improving basic services, strengthening infrastructure, and driving inclusive economic growth. By placing communities at the centre of development, the Municipality continues to build a foundation for a more sustainable, resilient, and prosperous future for all resident





North West Premier Leads Thuntsha Lerole Service Delivery Outreach In Marikana, Hosted By Rustenburg Local Municipality

The Rustenburg Local Municipality, under the leadership of Acting Executive Mayor MMC Karabo Phutu, successfully hosted Phase 5 of the Accelerated Service Delivery Programme, Thuntsha Lerole, in Marikana, Ward 31.

The programme, led by North West Premier Lazarus Kagiso Mokgosi, took place at Braampie Sports Ground and brought together various spheres of government in a coordinated effort to accelerate service delivery and strengthen engagement with communities. Thuntsha Lerole is a key provincial initiative aimed at improving access to government services, enhancing intergovernmental coordination, and creating a direct platform for communities to engage with leadership on issues affecting their daily lives.

Acting Executive Mayor MMC Karabo Phutu welcomed the programme, highlighting its significance in reinforcing government's presence at grassroots level and ensuring that residents are actively involved in development processes. Speaking during the outreach, Acting Executive Mayor Phutu emphasised the importance of collaboration between government and communities. "Programmes such as Thuntsha Lerole demonstrate government's commitment to bringing services closer to the people. It provides an important platform for communities to raise their concerns and for government to respond directly to the needs of residents," said Acting Executive Mayor Phutu. Residents from Marikana and surrounding areas benefited from Service Delivery Exhibitions held from 09h00 to 16h00, where provincial departments, municipal officials, and government entities provided a wide range of services, information, and on-site assistance. The programme also featured a Community Feedback Session, affording residents the opportunity to engage directly with Premier Mokgosi, Members of the Executive Council, and municipal leadership on key service delivery matters and development priorities.

The Rustenburg Local Municipality encourages residents to continue participating in such initiatives and to utilise these platforms to engage constructively with government while accessing essential services. Through programmes like Thuntsha Lerole, government continues to reaffirm its commitment to building a responsive, accountable, and people-centred administration that prioritises the needs and aspirations of communities.