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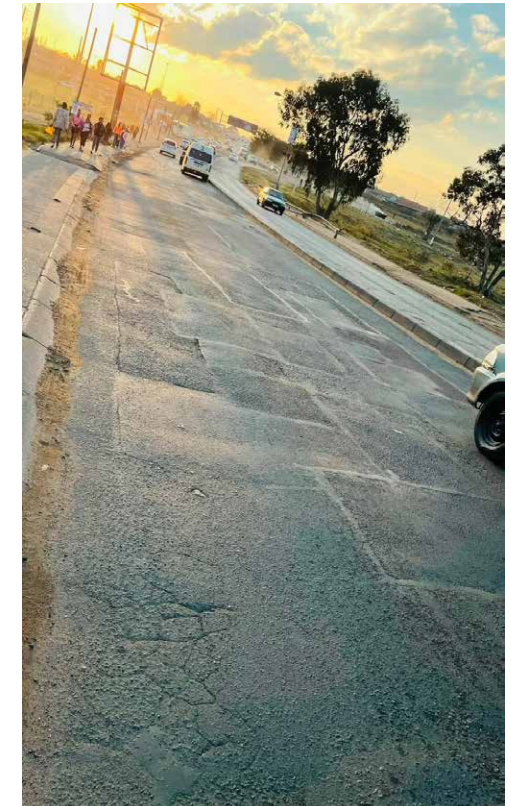
"Individual commitment to a group effort—that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilisation work." — Vince Lombardi



EXECUTIVE MAYOR CONDUCTS OVERSIGHT AHEAD OF MATTHEWS PHOSA ROAD REHABILITATION MAINTENANCE

The Executive Mayor, Cllr VJ Nhlapho, today conducted an oversight visit ahead of the commencement of the rehabilitation of Matthew Phosa Road, from KG Mall towards the Police Station and Kwagu Crossing Mall. The project forms part of Emalahleni Local Municipality's ongoing commitment to improving road infrastructure, enhancing service delivery and providing safer, more accessible roads for the community of eMalahleni. Ward 6.7 and 8 will benefit.

Construction is expected to commence shortly, and motorists are advised to anticipate traffic disruptions in the area. Road users are encouraged to use alternative routes where possible and to comply with all traffic management measures during the construction period.





Emalahleni Local Municipality appeals to residents and motorists for their patience and cooperation while these important road upgrades are undertaken. The temporary inconvenience will contribute to the long-term improvement of the municipality's road network and the continued enhancement of service delivery.

The oversight visit was conducted together with the MMC for Technical Services, Cllr TT Mathebula, ward councillors and Emalahleni Local Municipality officials.





EXECUTIVE MAYOR STRENGTHENS PARTNERSHIPS TO SUPPORT WITH SPAZA SHOP COMPLIANCE AND LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Executive Mayor, Cllr VJ Nhlapho, today met with representatives from NAFCOC, EMA Tumbo, and the Angel Network to discuss collaborative measures aimed at supporting spaza shop and tuckshop owners through improved compliance and business registration.

The meeting focused on creating a conducive platform that will assist with the registration of existing and prospective spaza shop and tuckshop owners. The platform will create and enable entrepreneurs to access guidance on municipal by-laws, regulatory requirements and other compliance processes required to operate legally.

The initiative is intended to encourage residents who wish to establish spaza shops or tuckshops to register on the platform, where they will receive support to meet the necessary compliance standards. This collaborative approach will assist the municipality in promoting lawful business operations while creating opportunities for more local entrepreneurs to participate in the township economy.

The Executive Mayor welcomed the partnership, saying that strengthening compliance and supporting small businesses are essential to improving service delivery, promoting inclusive economic growth, and creating an enabling environment for sustainable local enterprise development in eMalahleni.





WATER NETWORK WORK RESUMES IN WARDS 2 AND 4

The Emalahleni Local Municipality has resumed work on the water network in Wards 2 and 4 as part of ongoing efforts to improve water supply in the affected areas.

The municipality remains committed to strengthening service delivery and ensuring that residents have access to reliable basic services. The work will continue until the necessary interventions have been completed.

The Executive Mayor, Cllr V.J. Nhlapho, has reaffirmed the municipality's commitment to addressing service delivery challenges and improving essential infrastructure for the benefit of all residents.





EXECUTIVE MAYOR CLLR VJ NHLAPHO WELCOMES MEASURES TO SUPPORT THE CHROME INDUSTRY

The Executive Mayor of Emalahleni Local Municipality, Cllr VJ Nhlapho, has welcomed progress made in supporting the chrome industry following a meeting with Samancor Ferrometals.

During the engagement, it was announced that Eskom has agreed to a new electricity tariff arrangement for Samancor Ferrometals for a period of five years. Future tariff adjustments will be linked to inflation, while the agreement requires the company to operate at full production capacity.

Although cash flow remains a challenge, Samancor Ferrometals is expected to resume operations gradually. The development is expected to contribute towards boosting the local economy, while the cancellation of planned retrenchments brings relief to workers and their families.

Stakeholders further raised concerns over the growing impact of illegal mining and the vandalism of Eskom transmission towers, highlighting the need to protect critical infrastructure that supports economic activity and reliable electricity supply.

The Executive Mayor welcomed these developments and reiterated the municipality's commitment to working with all stakeholders to promote economic growth, protect employment opportunities and strengthen service delivery in eMalahleni.





ENGAGEMENT ON MINING AFFECTED COMMUNITIES ON KRIEL EVICTION MATTER

The Executive Mayor of Emalahleni Local Municipality, Cllr VJ Nhlapho, today met with the Mining Affected Communities United in Action Movement at the Municipal Offices as part of ongoing efforts to find a way forward regarding the Kriel evictions that took place in 2025.

The meeting focused on the challenges faced by the 57 affected households, with discussions aimed at identifying possible interventions and strengthening collaboration with all relevant stakeholders to address the matter.

The Executive Mayor reaffirmed the municipality's commitment to engaging affected communities through constructive dialogue and ensuring that concerns are addressed in a fair and transparent manner.

While the municipality continues to explore available avenues for intervention, the well-being of residents remains a priority.

Emalahleni Local Municipality will continue to facilitate engagements that seek practical and sustainable solutions in the interest of affected families and the broader community.





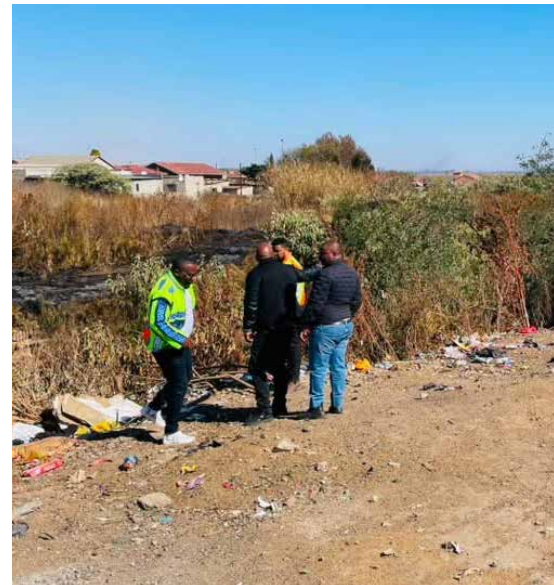
SERVICE DELIVERY ASSESSMENT OF BRIDGES AND SURROUNDING AREAS

The Executive Mayor, Cllr V.J. Nhlapho, accompanied by the MMC for Technical Services Cllr TT Mathebula and officials from the Technical Services Department, conducted an on-site assessment of bridges, sewer-related concerns and the cleanliness of areas near the bridges.

The assessment included W.A. Botha Street in Ackerville, Harare Street in Vosman and Lembedi Street in Ackerville.

The visit forms part of a broader municipal assessment to identify areas requiring intervention and address service delivery challenges, including sewer infrastructure concerns where necessary.

Through these on-site assessments, Emalahleni Local Municipality continues to identify service delivery challenges and determine the necessary interventions to improve infrastructure and ensure cleaner surroundings across eMalahleni.





SOGUTJHE ROYAL FAMILY (NDABEZITHA) HOMECOMING CEREMONY FOR INITIATES





The Executive Mayor of Emalahleni Local Municipality, Cllr V.J. Nhlapho, together with the Speaker of Council, Cllr N.M. Shabangu, attended the homecoming ceremony hosted by the SoGutjhe Royal Family (Ndabezitha) in Phola to welcome initiates following the successful completion of the initiation season.

The ceremony celebrated the safe return of the initiates and reaffirmed the importance of preserving cultural traditions that instil discipline, respect, responsibility and unity among young people. A total of 89 initiates successfully completed the initiation programme, with 69 of them having also completed matric, demonstrating a commitment to both cultural values and education.

Also in attendance were the MMC for Development and Planning, Cllr N.H. Mokwana, ward councillors, the Station Commander of Phola SAPS, members of the community, and traditional leaders.

Their presence reflected the strong partnership between government, traditional leadership and the community in promoting the well-being of young people and preserving cultural heritage.

The Office of the Executive Mayor commends the traditional leadership, parents and all stakeholders who contributed to a successful and peaceful initiation season.

The municipality is pleased that all 89 initiates returned home safely and are now ready to be reintegrated into their families, schools and the broader community.

The Executive Mayor wishes them well as they embrace the responsibilities of adulthood and continue to make meaningful contributions to the development of their communities.







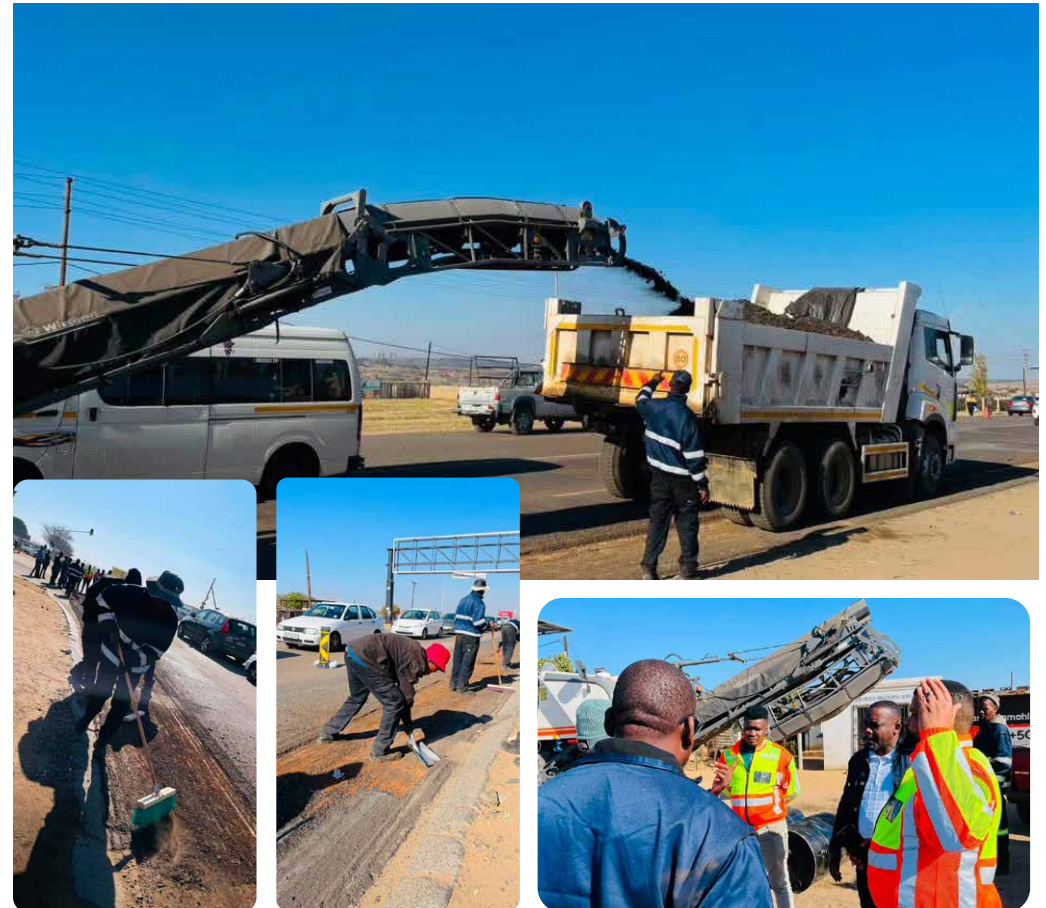
[UPDATE] ROAD REHABILITATION WORKS UNDERWAY ON MATTHEWS PHOSA ROAD

Emalahleni Local Municipality advises residents and motorists that road rehabilitation works are now underway on Matthews Phosa Road, from the Kwa-Guqa Crossing Mall to the intersection of Matthews Phosa Road and Cindy Street.

The project is aimed at improving the condition of the road, enhancing road safety and ensuring a more reliable transport route for residents and road users.

The Executive Mayor, Cllr VJ Nhlapho, together with the MMC for Technical Services, Cllr TT Mathebula, visited the site to mark the commencement of the rehabilitation works.

Motorists are urged to exercise caution when travelling through the construction area, expect temporary traffic delays and use alternative routes where possible. Emalahleni Local Municipality appreciates the patience and cooperation of residents while these important infrastructure improvements are underway.





HAND OVER OF HOUSES TO THE MNISI FAMILY IN CELEBRATION OF NELSON MANDELA DAY

The Executive Mayor of Emalahleni Local Municipality, Cllr VJ Nhlapho, today led the handover of a newly built house and a renovated home to the Mnisi family in Hlalanikahle as part of the Municipality's Nelson Mandela Day programme.

The handover ceremony was attended by the Speaker of Council, Cllr NM Shabangu, municipal officials, representatives of Patriotic Businesses, community members and the Mnisi family, who gathered to celebrate a milestone that restores dignity and brings renewed hope to the family.

The initiative forms part of the Municipality's ongoing commitment to improving the lives of residents through meaningful partnerships that support service delivery and community development.

Speaking during the handover, the Executive Mayor expressed his sincere appreciation to Patriotic Businesses and communities for partnering with Emalahleni Local Municipality in making the project a success. He further acknowledged the valuable contribution of Jibilika Construction & Projects, Nkomeni Construction (Pty) Ltd, and

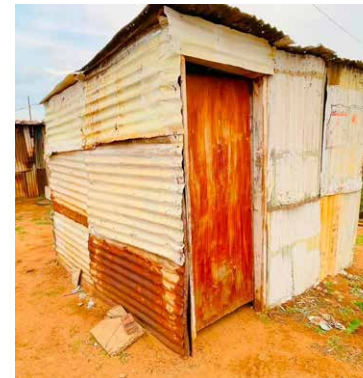




Ngeloz Electrical, whose collective support made it possible to construct one house and renovate another for the Mnisi family.

The Executive Mayor commended Patriotic Businesses for demonstrating the true spirit of Nelson Mandela Day, noting that their partnership with the Municipality is making a tangible difference in the lives of deserving families and contributing towards building stronger, more caring communities.

The successful completion and handover of the houses serves as a reminder that sustainable partnerships between local government and the private sector remain critical in advancing service delivery and improving the quality of life of the people.





EXECUTIVE MAYOR JOINS MEC SPEEDY MASHILO FOR MANDELA DAY CLEAN-UP INITIATIVE

The Executive Mayor of Emalahleni Local Municipality, Cllr V.J. Nhlapho, together with the Speaker of Council, Cllr M.N. Shabangu, and the MMC for Development Planning, Cllr N.H. Mokwana, joined the MEC for CoGHSTA, Mr Speed Mashilo, in a community clean-up campaign at Korfball Park in Ward 33 as part of the 67 Minutes for Mandela Day initiative.

The clean-up campaign brought together community members, volunteers and stakeholders in the spirit of Nelson Mandela's legacy of selfless service. The initiative promoted environmental cleanliness, encouraged active community participation and reinforced the shared responsibility of keeping eMalahleni clean and healthy.

The Office of the Executive Mayor remains committed to supporting community-led initiatives that advance service delivery, strengthen partnerships and inspire residents to work together in building a cleaner, safer and more dignified eMalahleni.





SKILLS FOR THE ECONOMY AND INDUSTRY DIALOGUE.

The Department of Communications and Digital Technologies (A leader in Enabling a Connected and Digitally Transformed South Africa) in partnership with the Emalahleni Local Municipality, German Cooperation, Tshwane University of Technology and Nkangala TVET College implemented by GIZ, hosted a Digital Skills for Jobs and Income Dialogue at The Ridge Dome.

Offering a message of support, Dr Sureya Adam from GIZ emphasised the importance of the conversation concerning digital and creative economy by creating pathways from learning to earning through innovation hubs and digital technology through collaborative efforts in order to achieve transformation.

Platforms currently leading these pathways in South Africa have been AI and Microsoft Co-Pilot which have inspired both young and old into venturing in Technopreneurship as one of the areas of job creation.

Acting Executive Mayor and MMC for Finance Cllr Faith Khumalo acknowledged municipalities being at the forefront of service delivery and the development of our communities.





The MMC thanked the Deputy Minister for DCDT Honourable Mondli Gungubele for championing digital technology and transformation which mainly focuses on the youth.

Further stating that he has played a pivotal role in ensuring that the youth continues to be empowered particularly in his area of deployment. MMC Khumalo stated that the dialogue comes at a defining time in South Africa's developing economy where constant research is needed in the rapidly evolving country and economy.

She pointed out that through the Municipality's newly established job seekers database the Municipality has been able to establish that there is a mismatch with the qualifications of job seekers and the current job market needs.

The MMC stated that we need to bridge the gap between institutions and the developing economy.

Furthermore she stated that as a Municipality, we pledge our allegiance towards the digital economy and the transformation of the developing job market.

Deputy Minister Honourable Mondli Gungubele delivered the keynote address. He acknowledged that the DCDT and TUT have enjoyed a long standing relationship which has helped bridge the gap between government and academia as universities are centres of innovation.

The Deputy Minister stated that Industry indicates that there is a shortage of skills in the job market yet universities are continuously producing graduates which indicates that there is a misalignment between the two.

Work integrated learning is important, which is why the Skills Dialogue began with an exhibition at TUT held yesterday on the 20th which helped students interact with innovators and economy leaders bridging theory and practice together.

The Deputy Minister further stated that we need to understand the barriers young people are experiencing in order to shape meaningful policy.

We are currently suffering from a shortage of opportunities for talent to reveal itself. Through commitment from government, industry and our partners we can ensure that these opportunities are created and shared.

The 4th Industrial Revolution is continuing to evolve and South Africa needs to produce talent that contributes towards the evolving economy.

The Municipality thanks the DCDT, German Cooperation, GIZ and other influential partners such as Google, AVSI, Collective X, EMA Developments, FOREK and the Youth ICT Council for bringing a transformative dialogue which has allowed the students of TUT and Nkangala college to reimagine and rethink the future of the job economy and how they can use their talents and skills to contribute towards shaping the future of workspaces in South Africa.







SERVICE DELIVERY IN ACTION

Municipal teams carried out repairs to high mast lights in KwaGugqa Extension 10.





EXECUTIVE MAYOR ENGAGES MARCH AND MARCH LEADERSHIP

The Executive Mayor of Emalahleni Local Municipality, Cllr V.J. Nhlapho, today met with the leadership of March and March eMalahleni, led by Chairperson Robbie Williams and supported by provincial representatives, to discuss matters relating to the organisation and concerns affecting the community.

March and March outlined its role as a community-based movement advocating for compliance with South Africa's immigration laws and calling for the lawful removal of undocumented foreign nationals through the appropriate legal and constitutional processes.

During the engagement, the Executive Mayor expressed concern over the increasing number of groups claiming to represent March and March, noting that this creates uncertainty regarding the recognised leadership of the movement and complicates meaningful engagement with government and other stakeholders.

The discussions also focused on the steps taken by Emalahleni Local Municipality in response to allegations involving municipal officials suspected of unlawfully issuing permits or documentation to undocumented foreign nationals.





The Executive Mayor outlined the measures already implemented by the municipality, including the suspension of implicated officials where necessary, to allow for thorough investigations and due process.

He reiterated that the municipality remains committed to rooting out corruption and will continue to take decisive action against any official found to have acted unlawfully or contrary to the municipality's Code of Conduct

The meeting concluded with an agreement to convene an urgent stakeholder engagement involving the relevant government departments, law enforcement agencies and the recognised leadership of March and March.

The purpose of the engagement will be to clarify representation, address the concerns raised, strengthen intergovernmental cooperation, and ensure that all matters are resolved through lawful and constructive engagement.

The Executive Mayor reaffirmed the municipality's commitment to transparency, accountability and the rule of law, and encouraged all stakeholders to work together in promoting peace, stability and respect for the legal processes of the country.

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MEETING REGARDING THE STRENGTHENING OF COORDINATED OPERATIONS ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION AND COMPLIANCE

The Executive Mayor of Emalahleni Local Municipality, Cllr V.J. Nhlapho, today, 27 July 2026, led an action planning meeting at the Witbank Police Station aimed at developing a coordinated strategy and determining the way forward in addressing illegal immigration, strengthening compliance with municipal by-laws and national legislation.

The meeting was attended by the MMC for Community Services, Cllr S.S. Buthelezi; MMC for Waste and Environment, Cllr K.B. Maphosa; Municipal Manager, Mr S.H. Mayisela; Station Commander of Witbank SAPS, Brig. S.L. Ndlovu; Station Commanders from Phola, Kriel and Vosman SAPS; officials from the Department of Home Affairs Immigration Services; the Department of Employment and Labour; municipal officials responsible for compliance; the Community Policing Forum (CPF); POLSEC; property stakeholders; and community stakeholders, including Operation Dudula, March and March, and Amabutho.

The purpose of the engagement was to develop a practical action plan that will strengthen coordination among all relevant stakeholders, improve the planning and execution of joint operations, and ensure that all interventions are implemented within the framework of the Constitution, national legislation and municipal by-laws.





Various stakeholders delivered presentations outlining their respective roles and responsibilities in supporting coordinated operations and compliance initiatives.

The meeting also provided an opportunity to identify priority areas requiring coordinated action

Emalahleni Local Municipality presented on the enforcement of municipal by-laws relating to informal trading, land use management, zoning compliance, building compliance and waste management. Municipal officials also outlined compliance procedures, including the issuing of compliance notices and enforcement measures where non-compliance is identified.

The engagement further provided an opportunity to discuss challenges affecting communities, including illegal immigration, illegal business operations, non-compliance with municipal by-laws, unlawful land use, building compliance, the employment of undocumented foreign nationals and waste management challenges within the eMalahleni Central Business District.

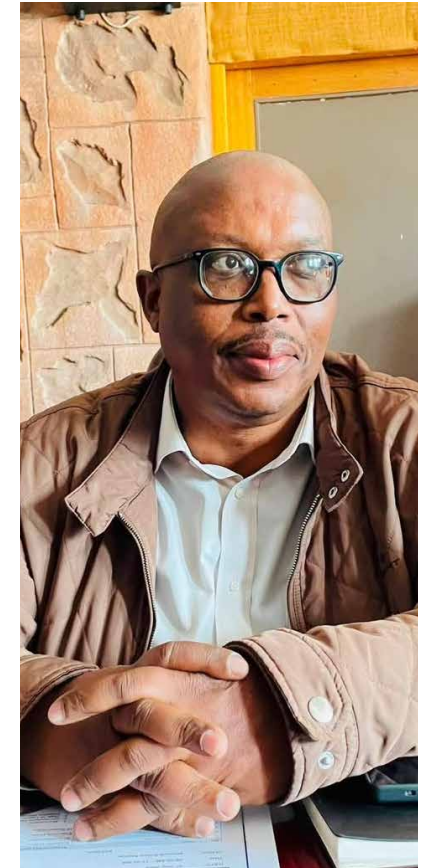
The discussions focused on strengthening collaboration and identifying practical interventions that will support coordinated enforcement and improved compliance.

As part of the municipality's way forward, the Executive Mayor proposed the establishment of a multi-stakeholder coordinating committee to improve planning, strengthen collaboration, facilitate information sharing and coordinate joint operations.

The established committee will support the alignment of available resources and operational planning to ensure that coordinated interventions are effectively implemented and achieve greater impact.

Emalahleni Local Municipality remains committed to working with all relevant stakeholders to strengthen compliance with municipal by-laws, support law enforcement initiatives

Through a coordinated and integrated approach, the municipality will continue to promote safer, cleaner and better-managed communities for the benefit of all residents of eMalahleni.





RENEWING OF ROADS PROJECT: UNIVERSE ROAD





SOD-TURNING CEREMONY FOR KWA-GUQA WATER PIPELINE REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

The Executive Mayor of Emalahleni Local Municipality, Cllr V.J. Nhlapho, today officiated the sod-turning ceremony for the Kwa-Guqa Water Pipeline Refurbishment Project at Lynnville Stadium. The project, which will be implemented by Shodo Civils, a local company, will improve water infrastructure and benefit residents of Wards 9, 13 and 16. The project is a direct response to concerns raised by communities during the Mayoral Izimbizo programme, particularly regarding ageing water infrastructure and the need for a reliable water supply.

Addressing the community, the Executive Mayor acknowledged the challenges posed by ageing water infrastructure, vandalism and illegal water connections, reaffirming the municipality's commitment to restoring critical infrastructure and improving reliable water supply. He further called on residents to protect municipal infrastructure to safeguard these investments for future generations.

The Executive Mayor also expressed appreciation to Thungela Resources, through the Nkulo Community Partnership Trust, for partnering with the Emalahleni Local Municipality in delivering infrastructure that will enhance service delivery and improve the quality of life of residents.





The sod-turning ceremony was attended by the Executive Mayor, Cllr V.J. Nhlapho, MMC for Technical Services Cllr TT. Mathebula, MMC for Community Services and Ward 16 Councillor Cllr S.S. Buthelezi, Ward 13 Councillor Cllr S.A. Mthimunya, Ward 9 Councillor Cllr A.J. Mtsweni, Ndebezitha Ntsizwa Mahlangu, representatives of Thungela Resources, the Nkulo Community Partnership Trust, representatives of Shodo Civils, municipal officials and members of the community.





EMALAHLENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY AND GLENCORE JOIN HANDS TO SUPPORT MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY LIVING WITH ALBINISM

The Emalahleni Local Municipality, through its Transversal Unit, partnered with Glencore to hand over sunscreen lotions and wide-brimmed hats to members of the community living with albinism during a Mandela Day programme held at the Mayor's Parlour.

The handover was officiated by the MMC for Development Planning, Cllr N.H. Mokwana, on behalf of the Executive Mayor, Cllr V.J. Nhlapho. The initiative formed part of Mandela Day activities aimed at improving the well-being of vulnerable members of the community.

People living with albinism have little or no melanin, which makes their skin extremely sensitive to the harmful effects of ultraviolet (UV) rays. Access to sunscreen is therefore essential, as it helps protect the skin from sunburn, blisters, sores and long-term damage while significantly reducing the risk of skin cancer. Combined with protective hats, sunscreen enables beneficiaries to carry out their daily activities, attend school, work and participate in community life with greater protection from the harsh sun.





SECOND ROUND OF THE SIYABALANDA ROADSHOW COMMENCES IN PHOLA, EMALAHLENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

The second round of the Nkangala Inpatient Treatment Centre's Siyabalanda Roadshow commenced today, 04 August 2026, in Phola, Emalahleni Local Municipality.

As part of today's intervention, five (5) service users—comprising one (1) female and four (4) males—were successfully referred for treatment. All five service users will first undergo detoxification at Impungwe Hospital before being admitted to rehabilitation facilities.

Of these, two (2) males and one (1) female will be admitted to Swartfontein Treatment Centre, while the remaining two (2) males will be admitted to the Nkangala Inpatient Treatment Centre.

Addressing stakeholders during the roadshow, the Chairperson of the Mpumalanga Substance Abuse Forum (MSAF), Mr Marcus Masemola, emphasized the critical role of families and communities in supporting individuals throughout their recovery journey. He encouraged community members to continue providing the care, encouragement, and support necessary to promote sustainable recovery and successful reintegration into society.





A total of twenty-three (23) service users were reached during today's intervention in Phola, reflecting the continued commitment of the Department and its partners to expanding access to substance abuse prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation services.

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#MpumalangaAProvinceThatWorksForAll





The municipality welcomed Glencore's contribution, noting that quality sunscreen is often costly and beyond the reach of many families. The donation will help ease this financial burden while providing recipients with essential protection that supports their health, dignity and quality of life.

The Emalahleni Local Municipality remains committed to working with stakeholders through its Transversal Unit to implement programmes that respond to the needs of vulnerable groups. Partnerships of this nature continue to strengthen service delivery and demonstrate the value of collaborative efforts in building an inclusive and caring community.

For assistance.
Kindly visit the Transversal Unit located at the
Emalahleni Local municipality,
3rd floor
29 Mandela Drive





RENEWING OF ROADS PROJECT: CHRISTIAAN DE WET STREET





EXECUTIVE MAYOR VISITS FOOD LOVER'S MARKET CONSTRUCTION SITE

The Executive Mayor of Emalahleni Local Municipality, Cllr VJ Nhlapho, today visited the construction site of the new Food Lover's Market development in eMalahleni to assess progress and the economic opportunities created by the investment.

The development is currently approximately 50% complete and has already contributed to the local economy through the employment of local people and the involvement of local businesses during the construction phase.

Once completed, the development is expected to create more than 400 permanent employment opportunities for local residents, providing a significant boost to household incomes and economic activity in eMalahleni.

The municipality welcomes investment in eMalahleni that creates employment, supports local businesses and contributes to the growth and economic development of the city.







STAKEHOLDERS UNITE TO SUPPORT WATER ACCESS IN PHOLA

The Executive Mayor of Emalahleni Local Municipality, Cllr VJ Nhlapho, together with the leadership of SG Coal, Legend Logistics and Mr Lucas Chippa Mtsweni, handed over 75 water trolleys to households in Phola Ward 28 as part of a temporary intervention to support residents while water reticulation works are underway.

The GIC is currently working in Ward 28 on the water reticulation project, which forms part of the long-term solution to ensure residents have a reliable water supply directly from taps in their homes.

While the infrastructure works continue, stakeholders have come together to put immediate measures in place to ensure households are able to access and transport water. The 75 water trolleys will provide practical support to affected households during this period.

The handover was attended by Ward 31 Councillor Cllr KB Maphosa and Ward 28 Councillor Cllr BM Mabhena.

Emalahleni Local Municipality appreciates the contribution and partnership of all stakeholders involved in supporting residents while the long-term water solution is being implemented.







COMPLIANCE OPERATION TARGETS NON-COMPLIANT SHOPS IN EMALAHLENI CBD

The Emalahleni Local Municipality, through the MMC for Community Services, Cllr LM Tolo, today conducted a compliance operation targeting businesses operating in the eMalahleni CBD, particularly along Mandela Road.

The operation focused on ensuring that businesses comply with municipal by-laws and other applicable requirements. The Municipal By-Law Inspection Team inspected 21 shops, which were found to be non-compliant and subsequently closed.

Fines were also issued to businesses found to be in contravention of the applicable municipal by-laws.

The municipality will continue with compliance operations, and more businesses found to be operating unlawfully may be closed.

Following today's operation, the Municipal By-Law Inspection Team conducted follow-up monitoring to ensure that the affected shops remained closed until the required corrective measures are implemented. Businesses will only be permitted to reopen once they have demonstrated compliance with the relevant requirements.

The municipality emphasises that these operations are





aimed at promoting compliance, maintaining order and ensuring that businesses operating within eMalahleni do so in accordance with municipal by-laws.

The Executive Mayor, Cllr VJ Nhlapho, encourages continued monitoring and enforcement of municipal by-laws to ensure that businesses comply with all legal requirements.





NEW KLARINET POLICE STATION TO BRING ESSENTIAL POLICING SERVICES CLOSER TO COMMUNITIES

Emalahleni Local Municipality welcomes the construction of the new Klarinet Police Station, an important development that will bring essential policing services closer to residents and strengthen safety in surrounding communities.

The project is being delivered through a partnership between the Seriti Power Community Trust, the South African Police Service (SAPS), the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure, and Emalahleni Local Municipality.

Once completed, the police station will serve residents of Pine Ridge, Siyanqoba, all extensions of Klarinet, Coronation and other surrounding areas, providing communities with improved access to policing services.

The development responds to the need for accessible and appropriate policing infrastructure in a growing community, while supporting efforts to create safer neighbourhoods where residents can live, work and conduct their daily activities with greater confidence.



Emalahleni Local Municipality appreciates the contribution and collaboration of all partners involved in bringing this important community infrastructure project to eMalahleni.

The Municipality remains committed to supporting initiatives that strengthen public safety and improve the quality of life of residents.







EXECUTIVE MAYOR MEETS THUNGELA RESOURCES ON KLEINKOPPIE TRANSACTION

The Executive Mayor, Cllr V.J. Nhlapho, met with Thungela Resource and kleinkoppie Mine to seek clarity on the transaction involving the Kleinkoppie Mine and the new ownership arrangements between the two mining operations.

The meeting focused on understanding how the parties involved in the transaction would work with Emalahleni Local Municipality and ensure effective coordination on matters affecting the municipality and surrounding communities.

Discussions covered skills development, socio-economic development, employment opportunities, the Social Labour Plan (SLP), Corporate Social Investment (CSI) initiatives and environmental programmes. The Executive Mayor also raised issues affecting Matimba Village and emphasised the importance of continued engagement to address matters affecting the community.

The meeting provided an opportunity for the municipality to gain clarity on the roles and responsibilities of the respective mining stakeholders and how their programmes and commitments would





be coordinated with the municipality going forward.

The Executive Mayor emphasised the importance of strong collaboration between the municipality and the mining sector to ensure that community priorities are addressed and that mining-related programmes contribute meaningfully to sustainable local development and improved conditions for residents of eMalahleni.





EMALAHLENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY CELEBRATES ACHIEVEMENTS AT SAMWA PROVINCIAL GAMES

Emalahleni Local Municipality celebrates the achievements of its employees following their participation in the SAMWA Provincial Games, hosted by Emalahleni Local Municipality on the 6 and 7 August 2026 at Witbank High School Sports Ground.

The games brought municipal employees together through various sporting codes, including men's and women's volleyball, tennis, pool, soccer, netball, darts and tug of war.

Emalahleni Local Municipality recorded notable results, with both the men's and women's volleyball teams taking first place.

The municipality also secured second place in tennis and pool, while the soccer and darts teams finished in third place.

The municipality recognises these achievements as a reflection of the commitment, teamwork and sportsmanship demonstrated by its employees.

Employee wellness remains an important part of creating a motivated workforce and fostering positive relationships among municipal employees.

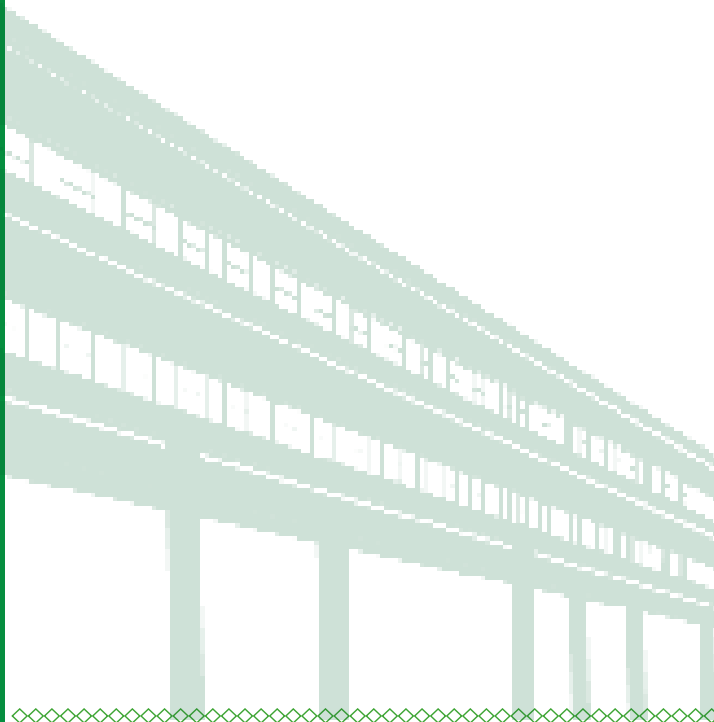




Following the provincial games, qualifying teams will represent Emalahleni Local Municipality at the SAMWA National Games, which will take place from 20 to 25 September 2026 in Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality.

Emalahleni Local Municipality congratulates all employees who participated and represented the municipality with pride.

The municipality wishes the teams who will proceed to the national games the very best as they continue to represent eMalahleni.





COUNCIL CELEBRATES WITBANK HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER TEAM

During the 52nd Ordinary Council Sitting of Emalahleni Local Municipality. The council celebrated the remarkable achievement of the Witbank High School Boys U19 soccer team, who played in the Motsepe League on 22 August 2026.

The team proudly took home the Motsepe League trophy and R150 000 in prize money, marking a significant achievement for the school and bringing pride to the broader eMalahleni community.





EMALAHLENI MUNICIPALITY HOSTS CERTIFICATE HANDOVER CEREMONY CELEBRATING SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FOR REHABILITATED INDIVIDUALS





The Executive Mayor of Emalahleni Local Municipality, Cllr VJ Nhlapho, joined learners, parents, stakeholders and municipal officials in celebrating the successful completion of a three-month Electrical Training Programme by 10 rehabilitated individuals through Mphephetse Training Academy.

The certificate handover ceremony marked an important milestone for the beneficiaries, who were given an opportunity to acquire practical skills and take positive steps towards rebuilding their lives.

The programme formed part of the Municipality's efforts to fight substance abuse and create meaningful second-chance opportunities for individuals affected by substance abuse.

The beneficiaries received practical skills training in electrical work, while also being exposed to additional competencies, including plumbing and related technical skills.



They were also provided with stipends to support their participation in the programme.

The initiative was supported through a commitment made during the 2025 Mayoral Golf Day, with contributions from individuals and companies who participated in and supported the Golf Day.

The Municipality recognised their contribution, together with the continued support of Mphephetse Training Academy, the Department of Social Development (DSD), Seriti and local NPOs within Emalahleni Local Municipality, who collaborated in providing skills development, rehabilitation support and opportunities for the beneficiaries to rebuild their lives.

The ceremony was attended by the Municipal Manager Mr SH Mayisela, MMC for Community Services Cllr LM Tolo, MMC for Waste and Environment Cllr NH Mokwana, MMC for Corporate Services H Maseko, municipal officials, parents, learners and stakeholders.

Emalahleni Local Municipality remains committed to strengthening partnerships and programmes that combat substance abuse, support rehabilitation, develop practical skills and create opportunities for individuals to rebuild their lives and contribute positively to their communities.





ARBOR MONTH INITIATIVE PROMOTES ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AMONG LEARNERS

Emalahleni Local Municipality, in partnership with the Kakarambha Foundation, joined learners at T.P. Sililo Secondary School in Tasbet Park on 7 September 2026 for an Arbor Month tree-planting and environmental awareness initiative.

The programme focused on educating learners about the importance of trees, environmental conservation and the role of communities in building cleaner, healthier and greener communities.

The Municipality highlighted that tree planting is an investment in future generations, with trees contributing to cleaner air, biodiversity, shade and healthier communities. Learners were encouraged to take an active role as custodians of the environment and to view tree planting as a long-term responsibility.

The initiative forms part of South Africa's annual Arbor Month campaign and supports Emalahleni Local Municipality's commitment to promoting environmental sustainability and a greener eMalahleni.





RENEWAL OF ROADS PROJECT: WILLIE ACKERMAN DRIVE, ACKERVILLE.





HANDOVER OF YELLOW TRUCKS BY SERITI MINING.

The Municipality is pleased to announce that Seriti Mining has fulfilled their promise to deliver on the requested Yellow Truck Machines to improve service delivery in Emalahleni.

It is our intention to ensure that these machines will carry out the service delivery mission and fulfil the necessary maintenance intended for our community.

The Municipality further wishes to request members of the community to guard against any possible theft of this property and report any criminal action anticipated.





STAND AGAINST GBVF

Gender-Based Violence and Femicide has no place in our communities. Let us speak out, support survivors, protect one another and work together to end the cycle of violence.

Protect. Support. Speak Out. End the Violence.

#StandAgainstGBV

#EndGBV

#EmalahleniLocalMunicipality

#SpeakOut #EndTheViolence





ROAD RESEALING IN THUBELIHLE, GA-NALA



Emalahleni Local Municipality continues to accelerate road infrastructure maintenance in Thubelihle, Ga-Nala, with resealing work underway along Jubantonto Street.

The ongoing work is focused on improving road conditions, enhancing safety for motorists and pedestrians, and strengthening access for residents and local businesses.

Building safer roads and better-connected communities.







WORKING TOGETHER FOR CLEANER AIR

the Department of Environmental Management and Compliance, together with Nkangala District Municipality and the Traffic Enforcement Department, conducted Vehicle Emission Testing (VET) along the R545 between Ogies and Phola.

The initiative focused on monitoring vehicle emissions, promoting environmental compliance, and raising awareness about the importance of cleaner air in our communities.

Cleaner vehicles. Cleaner air. Healthier communities.

#VehicleEmissionTesting

#VET

#AirQuality

#EnvironmentalCompliance

#Ogies

#Phola

#R545

#CleanAir

#EnvironmentalManagement





EMALAHLENI RECREATION RESORT AND NATURE RESERVE

In the heart of Witbank, an hour and a half away from Gauteng and the halfway point to Mbombela, lies the Emalahleni Recreation Resort. Famous for its dam scenery, hiking, camping, and events. With pleasant climate throughout the year and outdoor activities, the resort is exactly what you need for the ultimate, unforgettable relaxation experience.



RATES FOR 2026/2027 FY

DESCRIPTION	PRICE	BREAKAGE (refundable)
Adults - PP	R60.00	
Children - 2 - 11 years, PC	R20.00	
Mountain Bikers - PP	R44.00	
Chalet Accommodation, per night	R900 (HIGH SEASON) R700 (LOW SEASON)	R500
Recreation Hall, per day	R1400.00	R500
Boat Club, per day	R1400.00	R500
Handling fee	R0.00	
Cars/LDV/Combi - Weekends	R65.00	
Boats without engines	R65.00	
Motorboat	R221.00	
Pensioners day visiting-With year ticket	R300.00	
Hiking, per day	Adult - R55.00 Child - R20.00	
Camping and Tenting: High Season	1-4 Adults R387.00 1-4 children R174.00 Extra motor R72.00	R500
Low Season	1-4 Adults R332.00 1-4 children R174.00 Extra motor R72.00	
Events per day	R70 000.00	R30 000.00

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Emalahleni Recreation Resort

Comfortable accommodation is available in 20 fully equipped 4 sleeper self-catering chalets. All units are serviced daily and have braai facilities. Caravan park and campsites with clean and functioning ablution blocks, each site has its own electricity and surrounding braai areas.

We have 48 camping sites, with each site accommodating 4 people at a time. Our ablution blocks have fully functioning showers where you can freshen up and get started with your days' activities.



The Picnic Area

Our picnic area consists of a big swimming pool for all patrons and a kiddies pool, safe for the little ones. Life savers are always on-site, making sure to cater to all of your needs (even if it's just saving you).





The Boat Club

All patrons with boats are permitted to bring their boats along for boat rides or any water sports in the largest Municipal dam in South Africa. For relaxation, we have a designated area with ablution and braai facilities as well as shelter. This area can also be used for social and corporate events.

Environmental Education Centre

The Environmental Education Centre inside the Nature Reserve is a fantastic facility where groups can partake in numerous activities or projects in a theme of their choice, which include water, alien plant life, insects, trees, wetlands, animals, etc. No vehicles are allowed in the Witbank Dam Reserve, there is a parking area near the gate and 24 hour security is provided. This provides peace of mind for day visitors and night hikers to the reserve. The advantage of visiting the Nature Reserve is that there is a variety of accommodation to choose from in the Nature Reserve and around Emalahleni.

Malahleni Witbank Nature Reserve

The 900 hectare Witbank Nature Reserve, situated on the outskirts of Witbank and bordering the Witbank Dam, offers grasslands, wetland and woodland areas home to a variety of species in the wildlife that include eland, wildebeest, kudu, waterbuck, impala, springbuck, zebra, snakes and otters. The birdlife also offers different species which can be spotted from bird hides and picnic spots. The Reserve is also available for hiking with 4 trails, ranging from 3km to 15km.

Activities

Boat launching	Big walks
Tennis court	Hiking
Netball court	Braai area
Volley ball	Event facilities
Swimming pools	Fishing
Game drives	Supertube

Safety & Security

The Resort has security that is on-site at all times and perform routine patrols. There are safe designated parking facilities, giving you peace of mind for the ultimate relaxation experience.



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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