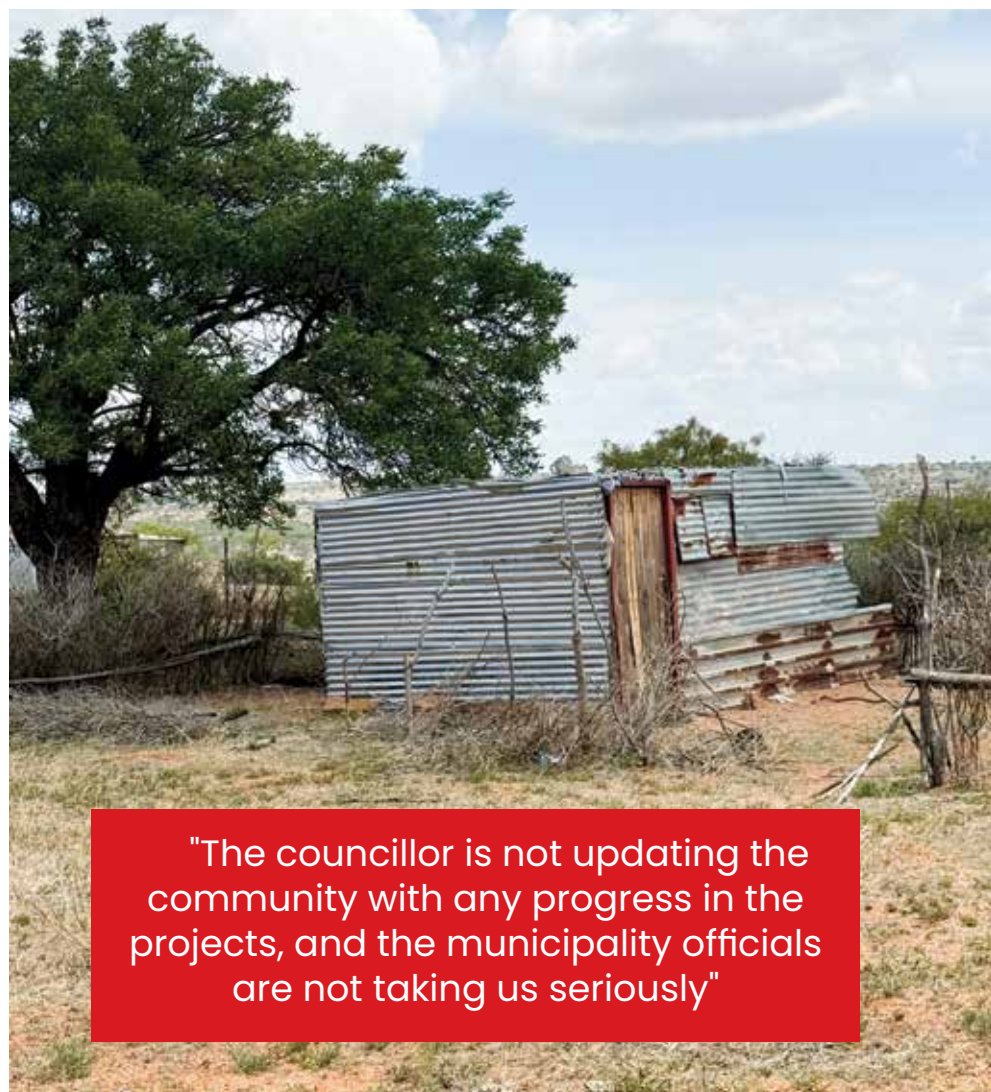




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# Soetveld community fed up with delayed electricity project



"The councillor is not updating the community with any progress in the projects, and the municipality officials are not taking us seriously"

Residents of Soetveld in Makhuduthamag Municipality are concerned about the abandoned electricity project.



Open holes seen at Soetveld



## SOETVELD

Residents of Soetveld in Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality (MLM) Ward 26, are expressing their frustration and anger over an abandoned electricity project that has been stalled since May 2025.

The project, which commenced in July 2024 and set to be completed in April 2025, was allocated a budget of R900 000, but it has been abandoned with no clear explanation provided to residents.

The project aims to connect 38 households in Soetveld Village and has now left residents with unanswered questions.

According to a community leader, Alfred Phaahla, the company appointed in the project has failed to deliver on its promises, and residents are being left in the dark, literally.

"The company does not follow occupational health and safety regulations, and there are reports about workers not being paid. The site is a hazard, with trenches and electric poles left unattended, posing a danger to children and the community at large," Phaahla said.

He said residents are also complaining about lack of communication from the councillor and municipality officials, who are accused of being arrogant when the community approach for updates.

"The councillor is not updating the community with any progress in the projects, and the municipality officials are not taking us seriously. It is as if they don't care about our plight," Phaahla added.

The community is also blaming the municipality for failing to push for the completion of the project, and they are demanding answers.

"We have been waiting for this development for a long time, and it is frustrating to see it being delayed due to incompetence. We want the municipality to take responsibility and ensure that the project is completed as soon as possible," Phaahla said.

The community is calling for an investigation into the matter, citing concerns of corruption and nepotism. They

are demanding that the municipality takes immediate action to address the situation and ensure that the project is completed to the required standards.

Thomas Mashabela, MLM Spokesperson, said the major components of the project infrastructure have been completed, including installation of medium-voltage (MV) and low-voltage (LV) lines, erection and commissioning of transformers and straining and termination of MV lines.

"What's outstanding on the project activity plan is the installation of Eskom-approved split meters for the 38 beneficiary households. Project progress has been delayed due to the unavailability of the specified meter type from approved suppliers," he said.

In light of the supply challenges, Mashabela said the contractor has been granted an extension to complete all remaining works.

"This extension will allow for the delivery and installation of the required split meters, followed by the final testing, commissioning, and handover of the completed electrification project," he said.

Mashabela indicated that following a site assessment by officials, the municipality has since instructed the contractor to deploy a team to the site to inspect and verify the current site condition and ensure that any safety hazards, including open holes, are properly managed to ensure closed community safety.

"A follow-up with the contractor will be made to ensure adherence. The municipality, through the ward councillor and the CLO, is maintaining communication and updates to community members during community meetings. The municipality continues to uphold transparency and collaboration with the community stakeholders to ensure support and understanding regarding the current project delays," explained Mashabela.

He said the municipality, in coordination with the contractor and relevant stakeholders, is working to resolve these challenges and ensure project completion within the extended timeframe.



Poles left laying around the village



# MEC Maseko leads delegation to pay last respect to late Vincent Maphopha



Vincent Maphopha was laid to rest following a tragic accident.

## MOTETEMA

MEC for the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture in Limpopo, Funani Jerry Maseko, has on Sunday 9 November 2025, led a delegation to pay their last respects to Vincent Maphopha, the late driver of Limpopo musician, Kharishma, who tragically lost his life in a car accident recently.

The funeral service, held at Motetema in Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) Ward 31, was attended by dignitaries including the EMLM MMC for Infrastructure Services, Cllr Rhodes Msiza, who represented the EMLM Mayor Cllr David Tladi, MMC for Infrastructure Water Services in Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM) Cllr Carpos Ngobeni, and EMLM Head of Department (HOD), Kgathane Veronica Mokgonyana.

Vincent, a 24-year-old final-year Plant Production student at the University of Limpopo, was remembered as a dedicated, humble, and ambitious young man with a bright future ahead of him.

He was not only Kharishma's trusted driver but also a passionate supporter of local artists, contributing to the province's vibrant music scene.

Friends, family, and fellow artists have described him as respectful, hardworking, and full of life.

His untimely passing has sparked an outpouring of tributes on social media, where fans and colleagues have expressed their

grief and shared fond memories of his kindness and professionalism.

During the funeral service, MEC Maseko extended his heartfelt condolences to Maphopha family, Kharishma, and the entire Limpopo music fraternity, acknowledging the pain caused by this sudden loss.

"Vincent represented the values of humility, dedication, and service qualities, we must continue to honour as we celebrate his life," said MEC Maseko.

Maseko also encouraged young people to continue pursuing education and their passions with the same dedication Vincent displayed.

The service was followed by the burial at Ngwalemong Cemetery, where Vincent was laid to rest.

The Limpopo music community is still reeling from the news of Vincent's passing, and his loss is felt deeply by all who knew him, including Kharishma.

"Vincent was an amazing young man who had a bright future ahead of him. My condolences to his family and friends," said Kharishma

The University of Limpopo Student Union, said they will remember Vincent as a kind and respectful person and he will be deeply missed.



MEC for the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture in Limpopo, Funani Jerry Maseko, addressing the mourners during the funeral service of Vincent Maphopha in Motetema.



## MPUMALANGA PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

### OFFICE OF THE PREMIER – BURSARY OPPORTUNITIES -

The Office of the Premier of Mpumalanga calls for applications from young people of Mpumalanga Province who are in matric, those who completed matric as well as those who have already enrolled with recognised and accredited institutions of higher learning to apply for the Premier's Discretionary Bursary Fund. The fund is aimed at assisting students from Mpumalanga Province in line with the policy who have the potential, but lack financial resources to further their studies with tertiary institutions within the Republic of South Africa.

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The application package shall consist of the following documents:

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- Certified copies of education and qualification achievements;
- Certified copy of the Identity Document.
- Proof of registration with a recognised High or Tertiary level institution;
- Proof of residence;
- Certified copy(ies) of death certificate(s) where applicable. and
- Proof of financial income of applicant's parent/s or legal guardian/s (where applicable).

Applicants are required to complete and submit the application form accessible on the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/B7YyKrbjY0>

Kindly forward your applications to:

The Assistant Director: Internal HRU & CD: Ms MK Ngomane, Private Bag X11291, Mbombela 1200. Physical Address: Office of the Premier, Makhonjwa Building, First floor, Government Boulevard, Riverside Park. Alternatively, e-mail to: [Otprecruitment@mpg.gov.za](mailto:Otprecruitment@mpg.gov.za)

**CLOSING DATE: 30 November 2025 AT 16H00**

If no correspondence is received within two months of the closing date, applicants must accept that their applications have been unsuccessful.

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# ANC accused of vote buying in Fetakgomo Tubatse by-elections



Opposition political parties accuse the ANC of buying votes with groceries during the by-elections held at FTLM Ward 37.



Community members leaving the voting stations with groceries after casting their votes at the by-elections held at Mphanama Village in FTLM Ward 37.



## MPHANAMA

A heated controversy has erupted in Ward 37 of the Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality (FTLM), where the African National Congress (ANC) has been accused of engaging in vote buying during the recent by-elections held on Wednesday 5 November 2025.

The ANC won the by-elections with a landslide victory of 71%, but opposition parties are alleging that the ruling party resorted to bribing voters with food parcels, including groceries such as rice, sugar, and loaves of bread, to sabotage their chances.

They alleged that residents have been influenced to exchange their constitutional right to vote for mere hand-outs. Opposition parties alleged that the ANC used taxpayers' money to fund their costly election campaign.

They said this is contravention of Section 91 of the Electoral Act, which prohibits any person or party from offering, promising, or giving any reward, benefit, or advantage to induce a voter to vote or not vote for a particular party or candidate.

The political parties claim the alleged vote buying took place with knowledge and backing of the ANC Sekhukhune Regional Leadership structure, including Chairperson Minah Bahula, Deputy Chairperson David Tladi, Secretary Tala Mathope, Deputy Secretary Eddie Maila and the party's Treasurer Given Moimana.

According to Tonic Manchidi, ActionSA Treasurer in Limpopo deployed in Sekhukhune, the practice of vote buying is a "painful reminder of the socio-economic hardships our communities continue to face, and how these hardships are being exploited for political gain."

"It has come to our attention, with deep concern, that during the by-election, some residents were influenced to exchange their constitutional right to vote for something as insignificant as a loaf of bread," he said.

Manchidi condemned the practice, stating that it undermines democracy and exploits the socio-economic hardships faced by the community.

"Vote buying is a tool used to manipulate election outcomes, and it is extremely damaging to our communities," he said.

The alleged vote buying practices include the distribution of food parcels, promises of EPWP jobs, and even small amounts of money.

While these may offer short-term relief, Manchidi warned that the long-term consequences are dire, leading to poor service delivery, lack of clean water and proper sanitation, deteriorating road infrastructure, high unemployment, and limited economic opportunities.

"When voters accept temporary hand-outs, they unintentionally give power to individuals who may have no real intention of delivering essential services or developing the municipality," Manchidi said.

He called on residents to prioritize leadership that is accountable, transparent, and genuinely committed to community development.

"Your vote is your voice, your power, and your future. It should never be traded for something that will not last beyond the next day," said Machidi.

He urged residents to vote with dignity, knowledge, and responsibility, emphasizing that real and sustainable change comes from leadership grounded in service and honesty, not temporary gifts.


ANC Secretary in Sekhukhune Region, Tala Mathope, said the party did not engage in vote buying and that the groceries distributed to residents were donations to those in need, not inducements to vote for the party.

"The donations were not intended to buy votes, but to aid underprivileged residents who are living below the poverty line," he said.

Mathope indicated that the beneficiaries were identified during the party's campaign in the area.

"We were not trying to buy votes, we were trying to help our people who are suffering. The ANC is committed to serving the people, not exploiting them for political gain," he said.


Mathope denied that the ANC had used public funds to lure voters, saying that the party's funds were used for the donations. He urged residents to reject allegations of vote buying and to focus on the issues that affect their community.



## IDP COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETINGS

IDP community outreach meetings to engage communities and other stakeholders on the IDP projects' performance report of the 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 FY's scheduled as follows;

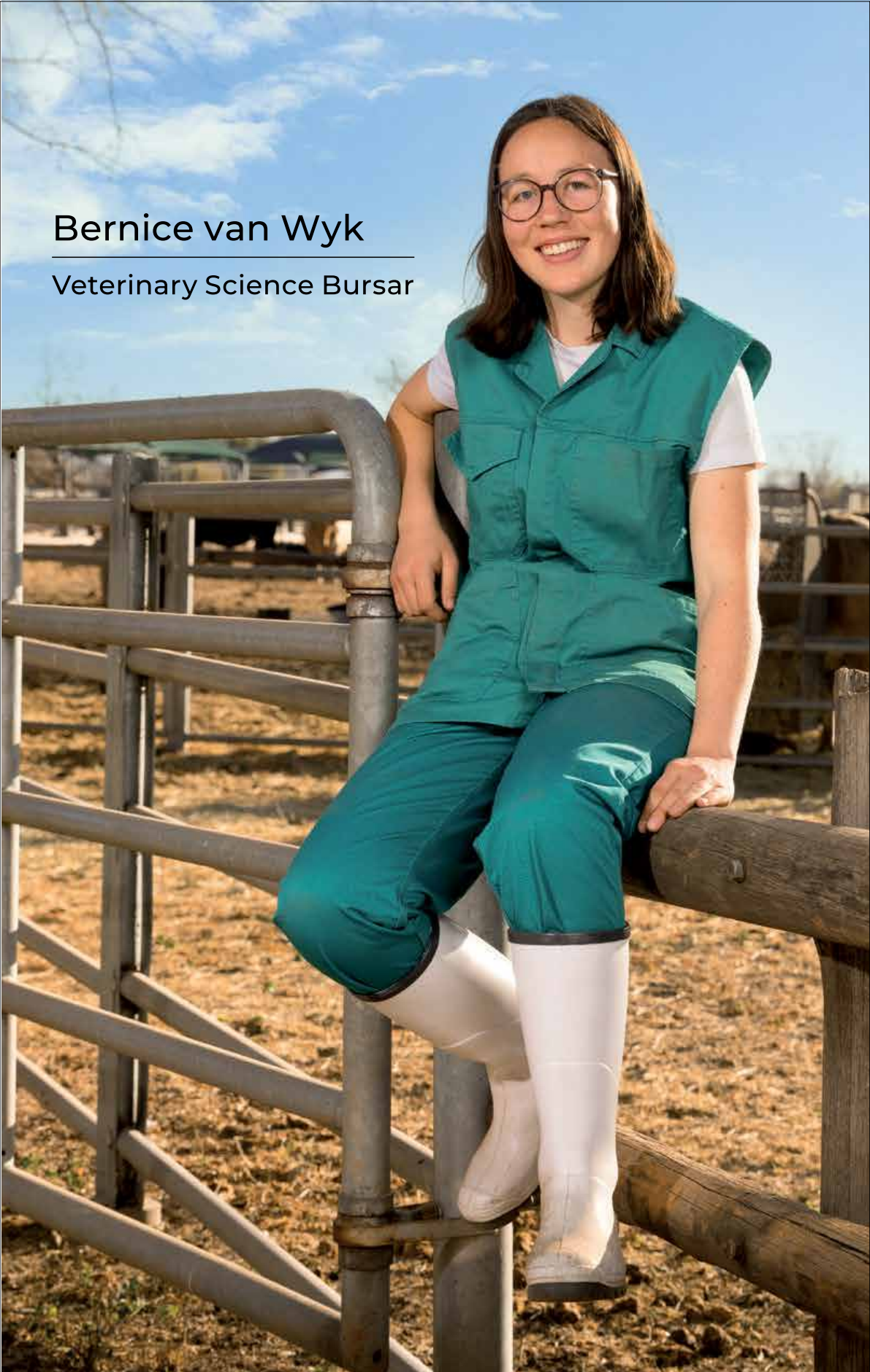
DATES	VENUES	WARDS
13 November 2025	Marapyane Community Hall	Ward 22-31
14 November 2025	Libangeni Community Hall	Ward 13-21
18 November 2025	Ga-Morwe Community Hall	Ward 01-12



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## SDM Executive Mayor offers sympathy to grieving employee, six family members dies in a car crash

**DIPHALE**  
The Executive Mayor of Sekhukhune District Municipality (SDM), Cllr Minah Bahula, has expressed her deepest condolences to Ms Bafedi Conceliah Maroga, a general worker at the Infrastructure and Water Services Department, following the tragic loss of six loved ones in a devastating car accident.

Maroga lost two children, three grandchildren, and a son-in-law in the horrific car accident that occurred on Thursday 6 November 2025, at Diphale Village in Driekop, next to the Post Office in the Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality (FTLM) Ward 8.

On behalf of the Council, Management, and Staff of Sekhukhune District Municipality, Mayor

Bahula extended heartfelt support to Maroga and her family during this incredibly painful time.

"Words cannot express the sorrow we feel for Ms Maroga's loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her loved ones," said Bahula.

The Executive Mayor also urged everyone to refrain from sharing pictures of the accident on social media, as doing so causes additional pain and distress for the grieving family.

Bahula stated that the municipality stands in solidarity with Maroga and her family and prays for comfort and strength as they navigate this unimaginable loss.



SDM Executive Mayor, Cllr Minah Bahula, conveyed deepest condolences to Ms Bafedi Conceliah Maroga, a general worker at the municipality who lost six family members in a fatal car crash.

## Joint Operation yields positive results in Sekhukhune District



The dagga and illicit cigarettes that were confiscated by the police during the operation.

**GROGLERSDAL** - A Joint Police Operation, conducted by the Police in Sekhukhune District under the Safer Festive Season Campaign, has yielded positive results, with several arrests made and various items confiscated.

According to Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, the operation, which took place on Thursday 6 November 2025, focused on priority crimes such as possession of illegal firearms and ammunition, dealing in and possession of drugs, non-compliance with the Liquor Act, operation of illegal shebeens, and illegal gambling activities.

"The multidisciplinary team, comprising various units and neighbouring stations, conducted the operation in collaboration with Groblersdal Police Station. The units included the Marble Hall Police Station, Polokwane Flying Squad, Masemola K9, Dennilton K9, Polokwane K9, and Modimolle K9 units," Ledwaba said.



He said during the operation, the police recorded offences including dealing in illegal alcohol, illicit cigarettes, and dagga. "The police also arrested suspects in two separate incidents for use of dagga in public and illegal immigrants also arrested. Cases of assault common and domestic violence were also recorded during the operation," explained Ledwaba.

He said the operation formed part of the broader Safer Festive Season Campaign, aimed at ensuring the safety and security of communities by addressing crime generators such as illegal substances, unlicensed liquor outlets, and undocumented persons.



# 18-year-old man shot in Tafelkop, 11-year-old girl sexually assaulted in Zaaiplaas



The police in Motetema are searching for a suspect after a man was shot and injured in Tafelkop. Meanwhile the police in Groblersdal are on a hunt for a 36-year-old man who allegedly sexually assaulted an 11-year-old girl in Zaaiplaas.

## MOTETEMA

The police in Motetema have launched a manhunt for a suspect following a shooting incident that occurred at Tafelkop Village, Mashitaneng Section on Saturday night 8 November 2025, at about 23:30.

Colonel Malesela Ledwaba, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said preliminary reports indicate that the 18-year-old male victim was walking along the street with his friend when they came across the suspect, who is known to them.

"The suspect allegedly drew a firearm and fired several shots in their direction. The pair ran for safety, but the victim fell to the ground and realized he had been shot. The victim was immediately rushed to the local hospital for medical treatment. The suspect fled the scene, and police have since launched a search to trace and arrest him," explained Ledwaba.

He said anyone with information that can assist in the apprehension of the suspect, is urged to contact the investigating officer, Sergeant John Tshwane on 082 573 3978, the Crime Stop Number on 08600 10111, or the nearest police station.

"Information can also be shared anonymously via the MySAPS App," Ledwaba said.

Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has strongly condemned the incident and directed the investigating team to leave no stone unturned in ensuring the swift arrest of the suspect.

Meanwhile the police detectives

at Groblersdal Family Violence, Child Protection and Sexual Offence (FCS) Unit, are investigating a case of sexual assault, following allegations in which a 36-year-old man sexually assaulted an 11-year-old girl.

Ledwaba said the incident occurred at one of the villages in the Zaaiplaas policing area on Wednesday 5 November 2025, at around 15:30.

"According to the information, the victim, an 11-year-old girl, was allegedly on her way home after fetching water when she was approached by the suspect known to her. The suspect reportedly offered to assist her in pushing a wheelbarrow, and as they neared her home, he allegedly stopped and began touching her inappropriately. He allegedly kissed her without her consent before leaving the scene," explained Ledwaba.

He added that the victim informed her mother about the ordeal, who immediately confronted the suspect at his residence.

"It is alleged that the suspect offered to pay the family to avoid being reported to the police. When the mother refused, the suspect allegedly became aggressive and chased them away. The incident was subsequently reported to the police, and the victim was taken to the hospital for medical examination, which confirmed there was no penetration," informed Ledwaba. He said a case of sexual assault has been opened and a docket was transferred to Groblersdal FCS Unit.

"Police have since launched a manhunt for the suspect, who is still on the run. Investigations are continuing," concluded Ledwaba.

## NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION APPLICATION BY: A AND J PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT PTY LTD

Notice is hereby given in terms of EIA Regulation 41(2) (c) of the Regulations, under the Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998)

A and J Property Development Pty Ltd applied for a Prospecting right with bulk sampling for Chrome ore, Copper ore, Flourspar, Gold ore, Iron ore, Lead, Platinum Group Metals, Silicrete (Silica), Silicon ore, Silver ore, Tungsten ore, Uranium ore, Vanadium ore and Zinc Ore with respect to the farms mentioned below in terms of Section 20 of the Minerals and Petroleum Resources Development Act 28 of 2008 as amended. **The notification is for the scoping stage/phase under regulation 21 of the NEMA: EIA Regulation, 2014**

This application triggers (Activity 20 of listing notice R983) Any activity including the operation of that activity which requires a prospecting right in terms of section 16 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002), including associated infrastructure, structures and earthworks, directly related to prospecting of a mineral resource, including activities for which an exemption has been issued in terms of section 106 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002). Also triggers (Activity 19 of listing notice R984) the removal and disposal of minerals contemplated in terms of section 20 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002), including associated infrastructure, structures and earthworks, directly related to prospecting of a mineral resource, including activities for which an exemption has been issued in terms of section 106 of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 2002 (Act No. 28 of 2002). The application covers the following farms:

**Boschhoek 752 KS, Klipspruit 714 KS, Klipkloof 858 KS, Paardenzoek 859 KS and Buffelskloof 861 KS**

**DMRE REF: LP 30/5/1/1/2/16307 PR**

Located in the magisterial district of Sekhukhune (Ephraim Mogale). The application will be following the S&EIR procedures in terms of Regulation 41 (3)(b)(i) of the NEMA:EIA Regulation, 2014. You can be involved in the Public Participation Process by:

- sending a fax, email or mail with your name, contact details and concerns/questions relating to the project.

- Providing us with the names of additional people that can be contacted.

All correspondence, should be received within **30 days from receipt of this notice** and will be submitted to the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMPR). All issues raised during the public participation process will be responded to in writing to the Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs). I&AP include all parties concerned, who will be affected by the project and interested in the prospecting/exploration project.

**CORRESPONDANCE MAY BE DIRECTED TO: VM Mafanele**

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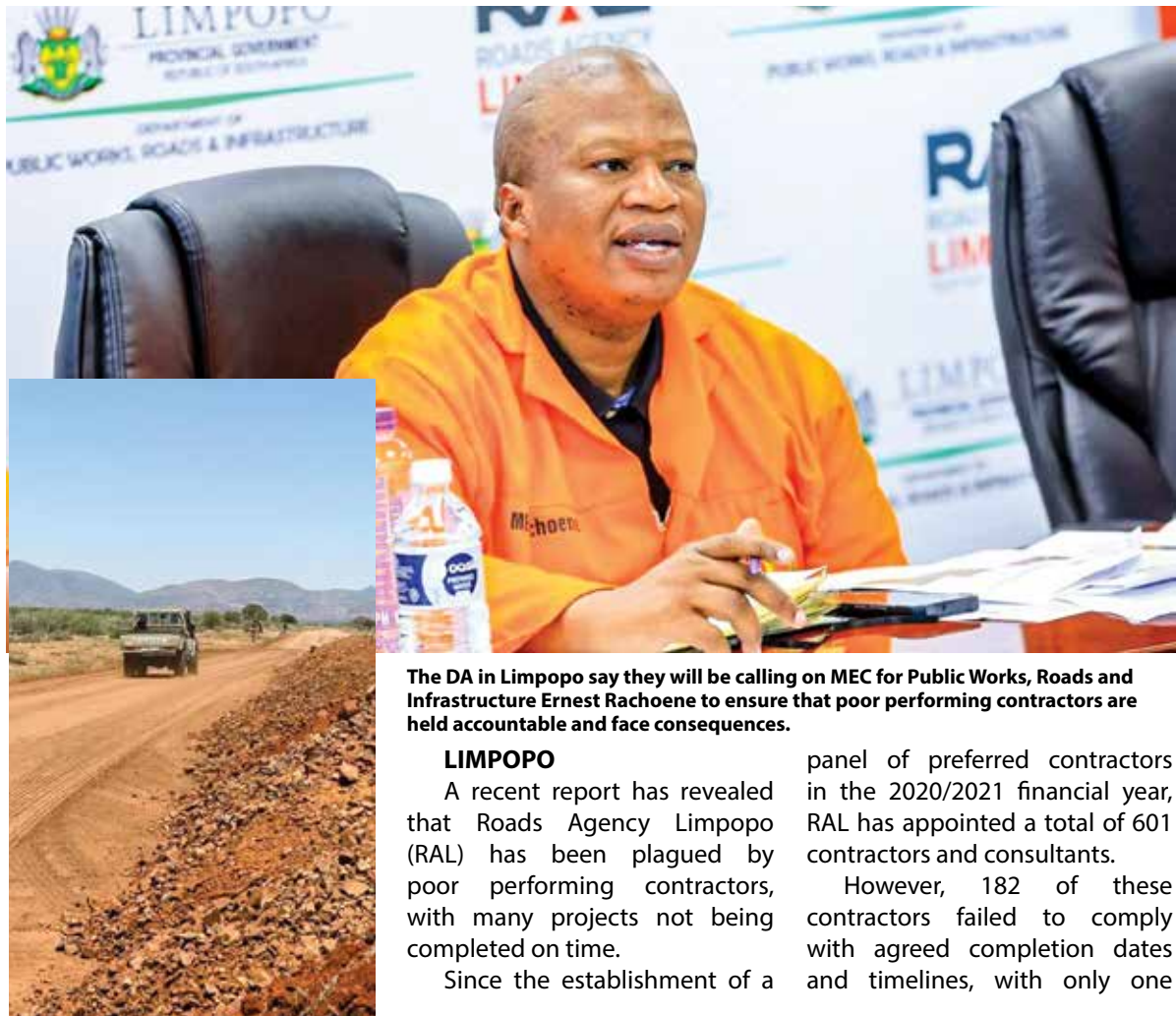
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# RAL's poor performing contractors face the wrath



The DA in Limpopo say they will be calling on MEC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure Ernest Rachoene to ensure that poor performing contractors are held accountable and face consequences.

**LIMPOPO**  
A recent report has revealed that Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL) has been plagued by poor performing contractors, with many projects not being completed on time. Since the establishment of a panel of preferred contractors in the 2020/2021 financial year, RAL has appointed a total of 601 contractors and consultants. However, 182 of these contractors failed to comply with agreed completion dates and timelines, with only one

contractor being terminated due to poor performance and none being blacklisted.

The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Limpopo has been vocal about the issue, with Marie Helm, DA Limpopo Spokesperson for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, calling for consequence management for the poor performing contractors.

"RAL's poor performance in managing its contractors is alarming. It is unacceptable that only one contractor was terminated and none blacklisted despite numerous cases of poor performance is a clear indication of a lack of accountability," Helm said. The DA has previously raised concerns about the panel, stating that it is not in accordance with the Supply Chain Management legislation.

"The DA has previously criticized RAL's panel of preferred contractors, which was established to streamline the procurement process. However, we noted that the panel has led to irregular expenditure, with RAL incurring R1.6 billion in irregular expenditure due to appointing contractors through this panel," explained Helm.

She added that the Auditor-General has also found that RAL failed to follow proper procedures in appointing service providers, with some contractors being awarded contracts despite not meeting the necessary qualifications.

"Furthermore, some construction contracts were awarded to contractors that did not qualify for the contract in accordance with section 18(1) of the CIDB Act and Construction Industry Development Board Regulations 17 and/or 25(7A)," informed Helm.

She said the DA in Limpopo is calling on the province's MEC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure Ernest Rachoene to ensure that poor performing contractors are held accountable and face consequences, including being blacklisted.

"MEC Rachoene must ensure that these contractors are held accountable and that there are consequences when they perform poorly to ensure that road projects in the province are of good quality, completed on time and within budget," Helm said.

She said the party is committed to ensuring that RAL improves its performance and that the people of Limpopo have adequate road infrastructure.

"The people of Limpopo deserve better than to have their tax money wasted on poor quality road projects. We will continue to hold RAL and the provincial government accountable for ensuring that road projects are completed on time, within budget, and to the required standards," Helm concluded.

At the time of going to press, RAL Spokesperson, Danny Legodi, could not respond to enquiries sent by the paper.

## Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality warns of tender scam



The Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality warns the public and potential service providers to be cautious of scammers posing as municipal officials.

**GROBLERSDAL**  
The Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality (EMLM) is warning residents, service providers, and businesses to be cautious of scammers posing as municipal officials, specifically impersonating the Risk Manager.

According to Simon Makua, EMLM Spokesperson, these individuals are contacting people and requesting money in exchange for tender appointments related to Tender No: EMLM 05/2026 – Provision of Physical Security Services.


"The municipality wishes to emphasize that it does not request or accept any payment for the award of tenders or contracts. All tender processes are conducted transparently and in accordance with legal requirements," said Makua.

Makua urged anyone approached by such scammers to not make any payment and to report the incident immediately to the EMLM Manager in Compliance Office, Mr Happy Masemola on 076 426 8526, or the South African Police Service (SAPS).

"We take these scams very seriously and are working closely with the authorities to investigate and bring the perpetrators to justice," added Makua.

He reiterated that the municipality reminds the public to be vigilant and verify the authenticity of any communication purporting to be from the municipality.

"No one has reportedly paid money to the scammers. However, we advise the public to be vigilant," said Makua.



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4.	Non-Technical Bursary (any Discipline)	Bur/4/2025	3

Minimum Requirements

An individual is eligible to apply for a Bursary provided that the following minimum conditions are met:

- Candidates studying /intending to study a degree/diploma (in one of the fields listed above) at a recognised/accredited South African University or University of Technology.
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- Acceptance letter from the University/University of Technology.
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- Candidates must have an average of 60% pass rate for all subjects for the current academic year.
- Candidates have not received any other bursary for the same period for which they are applying.
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- Candidates must complete a motivation letter stating reason for requesting a bursary.

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Information to apply



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## Limpopo to host 2025 Carling Knockout Final at Peter Mokaba Stadium



Orlando Pirates FC are hopeful to win the 2025 Carling Knockout Final when meeting Marumo Gallants FC at Peter Mokaba Stadium in Polokwane.

### Five Aside Football Tournament, a resounding success

**DENNILTON** - The Five Aside Football Tournament, held at Nolenga Sports Fields in OR Tambo, Dennilton, was a thrilling event that brought together ten squads of football enthusiasts on Sunday 9 November 2024.

The tournament, which kicked off at 11h00, was a showcase of talent, camaraderie, and community spirit.

The tournament, which is played with five players each side, was established in January 2025, with the aim of supporting local businesses.

During the tournament, the atmosphere at Nolenga was electric, with cars, laughter, street food, and music filling the air. Each squad paid a R300 affiliation fee, which went towards supporting local businesses and promoting the development of the sporting event.

According to Freeman Mokwena, the tournament organizer, the event was a testament to the power of football to bring people together.

"The Five Aside Football Tournament is more than just a tournament, it is a movement about investing in the growth of the sporting event while supporting local businesses, and creating opportunities for people to come together and have fun," he said. Mokwena indicated



De Branch FC emerged as winners during the Five Aside Football Tournament held at Nolenga Sports Fields in OR Tambo, Dennilton.

that the tournament has gained huge support, with spectators suggesting the formation of a WhatsApp forum to share and socialize issues affecting community sports.

"The tournament have become something of a movement and five aside was proof that football even without sponsors and stadium lights still matters most in the places it begins," Mokwena

added.

In the end, Black Door FC and De Branch FC emerged as the winners of the tournament, but according to Mokwena put it, "the real winner was the support from the community."

He announced that the next tournament is scheduled to take place on Sunday 23 November 2025 at Esitimeleni in OR Tambo, Dennilton.

**POLOKWANE** - The Limpopo Provincial Government has welcomed the decision by the Premier Soccer League (PSL), announcing that the 2025 Carling Knockout Final will be played at the iconic Peter Mokaba Stadium in Polokwane on Saturday 6 December 2025.

The final will see Orlando Pirates FC, one of the most successful clubs in South African football, facing off against Marumo Gallants FC, who are looking to make their mark in the competition.

Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba expressed her excitement and gratitude following the announcement, stating that the decision reflects the PSL's continued confidence in Limpopo's capability to successfully host major sporting events.

"As the Limpopo Provincial Government, we are delighted that the Premier Soccer League has chosen the Peter Mokaba Stadium to host the Carling Knockout Final between Orlando Pirates and Marumo Gallants on 6 December 2025," said Ramathuba.

"We are truly honoured and excited to welcome football fans from across the country to Polokwane. The PSL can rest assured that Limpopo will deliver a vibrant atmosphere and a full house on the day. Our people are passionate about football, and they will come out in large numbers to celebrate the beautiful game," added the Premier.

Ramathuba further reaffirmed that Limpopo continues to position itself as a preferred destination for national and international sporting events, leveraging sport as a driver for tourism and economic growth in the province.

She said the Limpopo Provincial Government is working closely with the PSL and other stakeholders to ensure that the event is a success.

The Carling Knockout is a prestigious cup competition that brings together top teams from the PSL, providing an exciting platform for clubs to compete for a coveted title.

The match is expected to draw a large crowd of fans to Polokwane, with supporters from both teams expected to descend on the city to cheer on their teams.

Fans can look forward to an electrifying atmosphere at the Peter Mokaba Stadium, with the passionate Limpopo crowd sure to create an unforgettable experience for players and spectators.

For ticket information and other details, fans are advised to follow the official social media channels of the PSL and the Limpopo Provincial Government for updates.

The hosting of the Carling Knockout Final is expected to have a significant economic impact on the local community, with fans from different parts of the country expected to flock to Polokwane to support their teams.



Marumo Gallants FC are looking to make their mark during the 2025 Carling Knockout Final against Orlando Pirates FC.