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KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON YOUR KIDS



Thabazimbi – Be extra vigilant and keep a close eye on your children when you visit a mall or busy part of town, as a young mother who went for brunch with her children and her mother-in-law recently had a very unsettling experience.

"We were sitting in Wimpy at the Thaba Mall when an unknown man lifted his one leg over the railing and started calling at my three-year-old daughter to go to him," says a very upset Mariska du Toit. Being vigilant, du Toit and her mother-in-law immediately picked up on his suspicious behaviour. They immediately alerted the mall security, who at the time was standing just outside Wimpy. According to Du Toit, the security officer replied: "The guy is mad." Du Toit ran after the man to confront him, who then said to her that he will take her child 'next time'.

When *Platinum Bushvelder* took the matter up with the mall's management, we were referred to Wimpy. We also spoke to the portfolio manager of the owners of the mall who said: "We are busy with an investigation, but ultimately we are not involved in what goes on at the Wimpy."

Speaking to the manager of Wimpy, it was clear that the safety of their customers, especially the children, is of utmost importance to them. He said that they will ask their staff to be on high alert to the surroundings and that they will also take it up with mall management. He also said that by making the railing higher, might help to prevent this type of incident and that they will look into it.

Sector head at Community Policing Forum (CPF), Petrus van Breda says that parents must keep their children close to them and that they should never let them out of their sight. "Unfortunately, we live in a country where these things happen," he says.

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PET SCAMS!



Local vet, doctor Jamiela Barnard.

Thabazimbi – Specialised Security Services’ Mike Bolhuis recently cautioned against an increase of pet scams on national level. We reached out to a vet in Thabazimbi, doctor Jamiela Barnard. She also warned: “Be vigilant if you buy an animal online, do your research thoroughly and make sure of your facts; although,” she added: “Even with plenty of research you can still be scammed. I was scammed this way a few years ago when my friends and I wanted to purchase a Bengal cat.”

Scammers’ Modus Operandi (according to Bolhuis):

- Scammers will post an ad, offering a pedigree pet at an unexpectedly discounted price or even for free.
- Even if they advertise for free – they often ask for only the transport, medical or insurance costs.
- Breeder and the courier services are often in cahoots.
- Often the breeder sells different kinds of breeds.
- Be careful if a breeder asks for E-wallet payments.
- Check the internet to see if the photo appears elsewhere and check if the details are the same or if it is just a stock photo they used.
- They catch you with price increases

- after the deposit is paid.
- Scammers often use social media to target victims.
- The puppy is delivered at the courier services and payments are made for the crate, airline ticket, feeding and care, accommodation and insurance. Eventually, the puppy may “die” or be “locked up by customs”.
- Perpetrators will even go as far as providing you with a fake address and fake invoices.

Useful tips:

- Research the seller extensively. If you must purchase a dog online, search the seller’s name and contact information with the words “scam” and “complaint” in the search.
- Since scammers are always one step ahead and change their names and the names of their websites, be aware that there may also be no negative results or complaints. Many current lists are available on the internet, highlighting new sites used by scammers.
- Ask the seller for any references and follow up on the references.
- Contact your local breeding society for references regarding trusted breeders.
- Meet and collect the animal personally.

ALLEGED CHILD RAPIST’S BAIL HEARING ON 19 FEB

Thabazimbi – Letlhake Lebogang (21) stands on trial for two counts of rape, kidnapping and pointing a firearm. According to police spokesperson constable Titus Khumalo, a 13- and 16-year-old were raped on 1 January. Lebogang was arrested later that same day. Lebogang appeared before the Thabazimbi Magistrates’ Court on 10 January. The case was postponed to 19 January for bail application – which was denied. Lebogang will formally apply for bail on Thursday 17 February. Investigations continue. Constable Khumalo urged: “I implore the community to be whistle blowers and report these types of crimes to the police immediately.”



Placing an obituary

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LOCAL AUTHORITY NOTICE 30 OF 2021 THABAZIMBI LAND USE SCHEME, 2014 AMENDMENT SCHEME 064 AND 067

NOTICE OF APPLICATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 16 (1) OF THE THABAZIMBI LAND USE MANAGEMENT BY -LAW, 2015 READ WITH THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE SPATIAL PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT ACT, 2013 (ACT 16 OF 2013) (SPLUMA) AND REGULATIONS AS PROMULGATED

The Owners of erven 2985 and 2990 Thabazimbi Extension 18 hereby give notice in terms of Section 16 (1) of the Thabazimbi Land Use Management By-Law, 2015 read with the relevant provisions of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013 (Act 16 of 2013) (Spluma) and Regulations as promulgated, that they have applied to the Thabazimbi Municipality for the Amendment of the Thabazimbi Land Use Scheme, 2014 by the rezoning of erven 2985 and 2990 Thabazimbi Extension 18 from “Residential 1” with a density of “1 dwelling per erf” to “Residential 4” with no density restriction as applicable in terms of the Thabazimbi Land Use Scheme, 2014 for “Residential 4” zoned erven. The rezoning of erf 2985 Thabazimbi Extension 18 will be known as Amendment Scheme 064 and that of erf 2990 Thabazimbi Extension 18 as Amendment Scheme 067.

Particulars of the application will lie for inspection during normal office hours at the office of the Director: Planning and Economic Development, Thabazimbi Municipality, 7 Rietbok Street, Thabazimbi for a period of 30 days from 28 January 2022.

Objections to or representation in respect of the application must be lodged with or made in writing to the Director: Planning and Economic Development, Thabazimbi Municipality, at below mentioned address or at Private bag x 530, Thabazimbi, 0380 within a period of 30 Days from 28 January 2022. Contact details: RUDZANI SADIKI, P.O.BOX 3442, MOKOPANE 0600. CELL: 072 415 0667

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Saved in the nick of time

Thabazimbi – Reptile Inc co-owner Petrus van Breda recently saved a beloved pet who was caught by a python, in the nick of time. He was called out to 4th Avenue, where he found a python wrapped around a small dog. He was able to free the dog from the female python which measured 3.2 metres. “She must have been hungry, as she was quite thin,” Petrus said. The dog initially did not show any signs of life, but Breda managed to resuscitate it. The python was taken to the Reptile Inc snake park. He warned residents to be on the lookout for small pythons, as various sightings of small pythons in the area were reported to him. Females produce 30 to 60 eggs,

which are roughly the size of a tennis ball, and she remains with her eggs throughout incubation. Southern African pythons are protected species. They feed on warm-blooded small antelope, monkeys, birds, and even leguaans. “Attacks on humans are rare, but just to be sure, keep your grass short,” Breda said. If you cross paths with a python, rather phone a professional to come and help. Pythons have large teeth, so their bites can leave you with deep wounds that can become infected. **Petrus van Breda**
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Park manager in training Anika Vets and Reptile Inc owner Petrus van Breda.

Bosveld Misdaad Ondersoeke supports regional law enforcement

Modimolle / Thabazimbi – Bosveld Misdaad Ondersoeke followed up on information regarding a housebreaking case that took place during December 2021 in Modimolle, during which several items were looted. Information was followed up along with Lephalele crime intelligence and Lephalele detective services as well as the Modimolle detective services. Two Congolese suspects were arrested in Lephalele on 13 January. Several stolen goods were seized during the arrest. The suspects were also positively linked to housebreakings in Modimolle, Lephalele and Thabazimbi.



Stolen items which were found in the suspects' possession.

Proof of residence... deported

Northam – Two suspects were arrested for allegedly selling proof of residences in front of Coco Bongo in Northam on Monday 17 January. Dionisio Sigauge and a minor appeared before the Northam Magistrates' Court on 18 January. Due to the fact that there was not enough evidence that they were indeed selling proof of residences, the charges were dropped. They were however found guilty of being in the country illegally. According to captain Mongezi Zazayokwe, Sigauge was deported, and the minor was released under the supervision of guardians. Thabazimbi Local Municipality spokesperson Joshua Motsomane confirmed that the only people who are allowed to issue a proof of residence are councillors, and that they are under no circumstances allowed to charge people for it.



Dionisio Sigauge was arrested in front of Coco Bongo.

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[Letter to the editor]

I was admitted to Mediclinic on 10 January with Covid-19. I was also diagnosed with pneumonia and very high blood pressure.
A big thank you to the team at Mediclinic Thabazimbi – especially the nursing and cooking staff... the food was yummy! As a community, we are very privileged to be served by them. You are a great private hospital!
I'm all better now and was released on 13 January.
Anna Venter

Thaba traffic nightmare

[Letter to the editor]

Thabazimbi – First and foremost, thank you to Platinum Bushvelder for the abundantly positive work you put in and spread around areas of Limpopo and the North West. However, there are a few matters that need to be heard and addressed, matters that are causing upheaval in our town. One of these matters is the congestion that is caused in and around town during school drop-off and pick-up times.
At Laerskool Thabazimbi and Hoërskool Frikkie Meyer, the traffic in the mornings and afternoons is problematic. Traffic starts from 06:30 up until 07:20. This happens again from 11:30 up until 14:00 at the schools. The traffic from Laerskool Thabazimbi affects multiple streets namely, Deena street, Naomi street, Michael street and Van der Bijl street. Hoërskool Frikkie Meyer traffic affects 10th avenue, 13th Avenue, and Tambotie street. The primary school makes parking available inside their premises for the parents to collect their children to ease the traffic, but a majority of the parents only make use of the drop-off space. This causes time delays, accidents waiting to happen, and rude and impatient drivers.
At the high school there is only a pick-up and drop-off zone and little parking available. The buses also need to make use of this facility to collect the students. This too causes time delays, accidents waiting to happen, and rude and impatient drivers.
Marlize Potgieter



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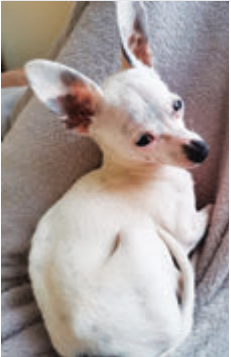
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Yes! What an
adventure!
Riaan Roux



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don't want to go!
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The words of Agur the son of Jakeh, his utterance. This man declared to Ithiel—to Ithiel and Ucal:2 Surely I am more stupid than any man,
And do not have the understanding of a man.
3 I neither learned wisdom
Nor have knowledge of the Holy One.4 Who has ascended into heaven, or descended?
Who has gathered the wind in His fists?
Who has bound the waters in a garment?
Who has established all the ends of the earth?
What is His name, and what is His Son's name,
If you know?5 Every word of God is [a]pure;
He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him.
6 Do not add to His words,
Lest He rebuke you, and you be found a liar.7
Two things I request of You
(Deprive me not before I die):
8 Remove falsehood and lies far from me;
Give me neither poverty nor riches—
Feed me with the food allotted to me;
9 Lest I be full and deny You,
And say, "Who is the LORD?"
Or lest I be poor and steal,
And profane the name of
my God.10 Do not malign
a servant to his master,
Lest he curse you,
and you be found
guilty.

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Thursday	03 Feb 2022	34°C - 21°C	12% ☁
Friday	04 Feb 2022	31°C - 19°C	75% ☁
Saturday	05 Feb 2022	25°C - 18°C	72% ☁
Sunday	06 Feb 2022	28°C - 18°C	11% ☁
Monday	07 Feb 2022	29°C - 18°C	3% ☁

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USD / ZAR	15.2987
EUR / ZAR	17.2569
GBP / ZAR	20.6985
AUD / ZAR	10.9076
Yuan / ZAR	2.4049
USD / EUR	0.88645
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Platinum	1 035.00
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Silver	22.76

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POLL

Do you think gender should play a role when people are being hired for certain positions or jobs?

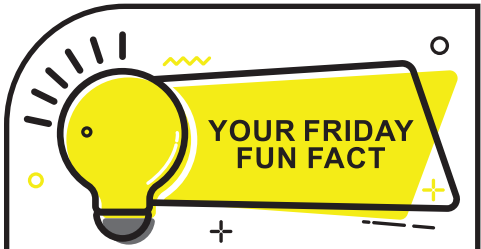
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Does the same apply to gender roles in the work environment?

Make yourself heard by sending an email to news@platinumbushvelder.co.za or a WhatsApp to 081 579 7000 with the following information before 17:00 on Tuesday 8 February 2022:

- Yes, gender should play a role when people are being hired for certain jobs?
- No, gender shouldn't play a role when people are being hired for certain jobs?
- The reason for your answer.
- A recent photo of yourself (optional) – that we can publish with your answer.
- Your contact details.

If you don't want your answers to be in the newspaper, just reply to the question: YES/ NO. The results of the votes will be published in our next issue.

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Did you know?

Auto brewery syndrome is a rare condition that makes you intoxicated (drunk) without drinking alcohol. This happens when your body turns sugary and starchy foods (carbohydrates) into alcohol. Even weirder... people often only become aware of this condition after failing a breathalyser test!



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TLM mayor congratulates class of 2021

Thabazimbi – The Thabazimbi Local Municipality (TLM) mayor, councillor Tokkie Swanepoel, would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Grade 12 class of 2021.

“On behalf of TLM, the council and residents, congratulations on a sterling job in the final examinations and keeping the flag flying!” She also commended educators, administrators and parents on a challenging school year aggravated by the Covid-19 pandemic.

“You have shown that perseverance, hard work and discipline will always be a recipe for success. You guys have made us proud. You refused to buckle under the pressure that came with a disrupted school year brought about by Covid-19. Good luck with your future endeavours. To those who did not make it, do not despair. Be brave enough to try again and I am sure that success will be the reward for your courage,” she said.

Mayor Swanepoel shared a special message with Hoërskool Frikkie Meyer learners, educators and the principal. The school achieved a 100% pass rate. “Congratulations on your amazing achievement, keep it up!”

TLM jurisdiction Grade 12 results, class of 2021:

- Hoërskool Frikkie Meyer 100%
- Thekganang Technical High 93%
- Groenvloei Secondary 88.2%
- Itireleng Secondary 87.1%
- Naletsana Combined 85.7%
- Mabogopedi Secondary 73.3%
- Northam Comprehensive 71.3%



TLM mayor Tokkie Swanepoel

HFM se slimkoppe!

Thabazimbi – Hoërskool Frikkie Meyer (HFM) het onlangs hul 2021 4de kwartaal akademiese prestasies gevier. Hiermee die top 10 leerlinge van elke graad 8 tot graad 11...

- Graad 8 top tien leerlinge: 1. Ami White (91.31%), 2. Angelique Coetzee (86.69%), 3. Jana Coetzee (86.12%), 4. André Kieck (85.76%), 5. Candice Molapisi (85.73%), 6. Elri Geldenhuys (85.63%), 7. Clarése Smit (84.45%), 8. Jarianca du Plessis (84.05%), 9. Aart Broekhuizen (83.58%), en 10. Dimpho Tsilo (83.16%).
- Graad 9 top tien leerlinge: 1. Kara Kotzé (89.72%), 2. Elizca Lamprecht (89.43%), 3. Dino Fernandes (89.30%), 4. Christelle van Dyk (88.23%), 5. Johan Briel (87.97%), 6. Niché Rohrs (87.93%), 7. Echard de Klerk (87.27%), 8. Carla Coetzee (87.26%), 9. Reatlegile Mkhabela (86.19%), en 10. Dimion Visser (86.11%).
- Graad 10 top tien leerlinge: 1. Ané Viljoen (95.18%), 2. Izandri Joubert (94.18%), 3. Mieké Smit (87.33%), 4. Sumarie Marais (84.29%), 5. Elodie van Emmenes (83.27%), 6. Juané van Deventer (82.55%), 7. Amber James (81.97%), 8. Leili Steenkamp (81.85%), 9. Annelize Slabbert (80.51%), en 10. Anina de Swardt (80.26%). 11. Kamogelo Makhalemele (78.56%) (*Academic achiever)
- Graad 11 top tien leerlinge: 1. Magdelyn van Heerden (90.03%), 2. Sabrina Teixeira Ferreira (89.03%), 3. Cara Pieterse (86.90%), 4. Jan-Gunter Marais (86.51%), 5. Ameij Broekhuizen (85.24%), 6. SJ van der Linde (85.04%), 7. Talita de Swardt (82.17%), 8. HJ janse van Rensburg (82.10%), 9. Tommy Swanepoel (79.69%), en 10. Suzaan Smit (78.76%). 11. Kopano Mabitsela (77.13%) (*Academic achiever)
- HFM se top presteerders per graad: Graad 8: Ami White (91.31%), Graad 9: Kara Kotzé (89.72%), Graad 10: Ané Viljoen (95.18%) en Graad 11: Magdelyn van Heerden (90.03%).



HFM top se top presteerders per graad, van Graad 8 tot 11.



Graad 11 top 10 leerlinge



Graad 10 top 10 leerlinge



Graad 9 top 10 leerlinge



Graad 8 top 10 leerlinge

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HFM hou interhuisatletiek

Thabazimbi – Na twee jaar van geen sport het Hoërskool Frikkie Meyer op Vrydag 21 Januarie weer die geleentheid gehad om ‘n atletiekbyeenkoms op hul sportgronde aan te bied.

Baie geluk aan die volgende atlete met hul puik prestasies:

- Beste junior baanatleet (seun) - Amo Mataboge
- Beste junior veldatleet (seun) - Lourens Pieterse
- Beste junior baanatleet (dogter) - Amor Strydom
- Beste junior veldatleet (dogter) - Carli Fouché
- Beste senior baanatleet (seun) - Christopher Koekemoer
- Beste senior veldatleet (seun) - Echard de Klerk
- Beste senior baanatleet (dogter) - Lené Lategan
- Beste senior veldatleet (dogter) - Lené Lategan
- Algeheel beste enkelprestasie van die dag - Lourens Pieterse. Hy behaal 977 punte in Diskus.
- Victrix Ludorum - Carli Robbertse
- Victor Ludorum - Christopher Koekemoer

Individuele prestasies van die dag:

- Cara Pieterse, dogters o/19 diskus
- Lourens Pieterse, seuns o/15 diskus
- Lené Lategan, dogters o/17 spiesgooi

Knapgedaan aan die Blou-span dirigente wat die dag se sang gewen het en aan die atlete van die Wit-span wat die atletiek gewen het.



HFM atlete hardloop laat die stof so staan!

Helpende Hand gee Graad 1’s ‘n hupstoot

Northam/ Thabazimbi – Solidariteit Helpende Hand glo elke kind verdien ‘n gelyke wegspringkans. Om die eerste dag van skool in te stap met ‘n plastieksakkie vol stomp potlode en ‘n half gekoude uitveër is vir geen kind lekker nie. Juis daarom het Solidariteit Helpende Hand hul nasionale Skooltassie-projek geloods. Die projek sit al sedert 2007 ‘n tassie, met die nodige skryfbehoeftes, in ‘n behoeftige graadeentjie se hand. Solidariteit Helpende Hand Northam /Thabazimbi tak het op Woensdag 19 Januarie tassies oorhandig aan behoeftige leerders by Laerskool Platina Primary en Laerskool Thabazimbi.



Solidariteit Helpende Hand Northam/Thabazimbi tak vise voorsitster Jenny Streak (links) en Laerskool Platinum Primary onderwyser Desire Taljaard.

Laerskool Thabazimbi grondslagfase departementshoof Melinda Doubell (links) en Solidariteit Helpende Hand Northam / Thabazimbi tak lid Yolandi Munnik.



Ertse as sprokiekarakters



Regard de Klerk

Die Ertse “dress” op

Thabazimbi – Hoërskool Frikkie Meyer (HFM) se Graad 8’s of “Ertse” soos hul meer bekend staan, se eerste paar weke by die skool was omtrent ‘n jol! Daar was verskeie kleredrag temas en die jongspan het nie teleurgestel nie! Die eerste tema op Dinsdag 18 Januarie was “kos”, waar hulle ‘n voedselsoort of kos-item moes uitbeeld... EN die kos-woord moes dan begin met die eerste letter van hul naam. ‘n Goeie voorbeeld was beslis Regard de Klerk wat as ‘n “rib” aangetrek het. Vir die tweede tema, op Donderdag 20 Januarie, moes hulle soos ‘n sprokiekarakters aantrek. Harry Potter, ‘n Ninja Turtle en vele Minnie Muise het oor die skoolgronde gepronk. “My droom loopbaan” was die derde tema en op 31 Januarie was daar dokters, boere en konstruksie werkers om net ‘n paar te noem.

Ses Nasies Kampioenskappe 2022



Die 2022 Ses Nasies skop eerskomende Saterdag af. Die verdedigende kampioen, Wallis, kan kwaai teenstand verwag van Frankryk. Die Franse Hane se vere is hoog na hulle oorwinning einde verlede jaar oor die All Blacks. Engeland het ‘n groot terugslag met die besering wat cappie Owen Farrell opgedoen het en toe nie aan die reeks kon deelneem nie... **Bepalings: Saterdag 3 Februarie** • Ierland 16:15 Wallis • Skotland 18:45 Engeland **Sondag 4 Februarie** • Frankryk 17:00 Italië

United Rugby Championship

Lions vs Bulls

In *Jo’burg* klop die Bulle die Leeus 34-10. Die Bulle het sware asem uitgeblaas in die skrumms maar was verder net te goed vir die Leeus. Vir die Bulle moet die naam van Johan Grobbelaar genoem word. Hierdie fris haker toon belofte en sal beslis later vanjaar vir die Bokke uitdraf ou grote. Die los trio van die Bulle was uitstekend en Elrigh Louw se spel is ‘n lus vir die oog. Louw is tans die beste *loosie* in die land. Die Bulle behaal dan ook ‘n belangrike bonuspunt vir hulle vier drieë. Die Bulle speel Saterdag 2 Februarie om 15:00 weer teen die Leeus, maar hierdie keer op Fort Loftus.



was met rustyd 11-3 voor en was in beheer. Die Stormers het geknor in die vaste skrumms met die Haaie se Ox Nché wat verwoestend was. In die tweede helfte het die Stormers die veteraan Brok Harris van die bank af opgestuur om vir Ox in toom te probeer hou. Nché is ook welverdiend as die speler van die wedstryd aangewys. Vir die Stormers het Warrick Gelant weer die vonk agterlangs verskaf toe hy van die bank af opgestuur was. Hoekom Dobson nie vir Gelant op senter ‘n kans gee nie sal niemand weet nie... Die twee spanne speel dan weer Saterdag 5 Februarie in die Kaap teen mekaar.

Ander uitslae:

- Cardiff Blues 29 - 27 Leinster
- Ospreys 23 - 19 Edinburgh
- Zebre 17 - 34 Munster
- Connacht 20 - 42 Glasgow Warriors
- Ulster 27 - 15 Scarlets
- Dragons 13 - 13 Benetton

HSBC Seville Sewes

Die Blitse wen hul vierde agtereenvolgende toernooi in die reeks met ‘n puik vertoning teen Australië in die finaal wat hulle welverdiend met 33-7 wen. Australië het in hulle semi-finaal vir Argentinië lekker ore aangesit en na ‘n bedreiging vir die Blitse gelyk. Maar dis nou geskiedenis, die groen

golf het hulle soos ‘n orkaan getref en daar was net een span op die veld.

Die Blitse se uitslae tot in die finaal:

- SA 33 -12 Spanje
- SA 20 - 0 Ierland
- SA 24 - 19 VSA
- SA 31 - 24 Skotland

Nag ou grote...

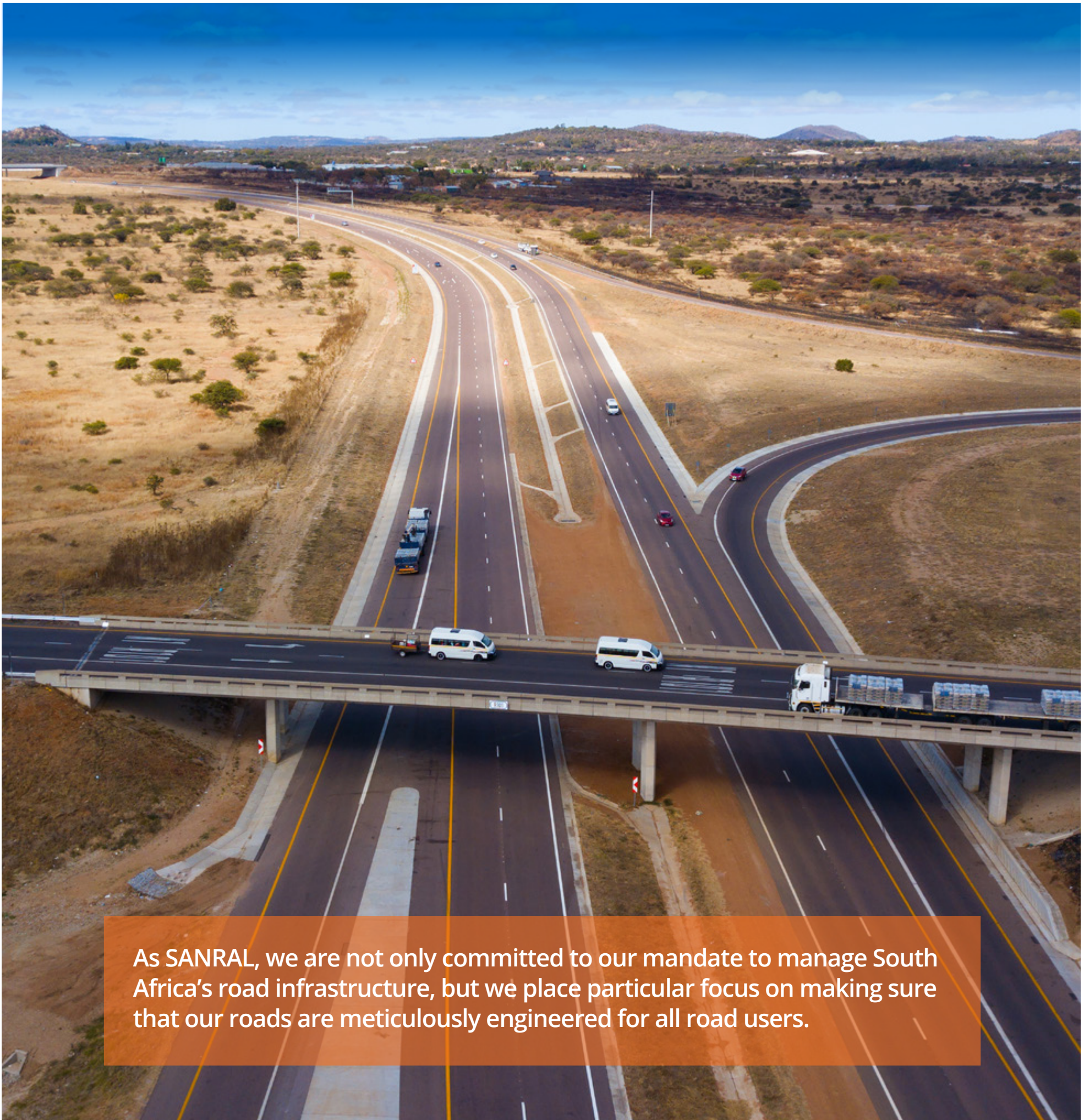




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As SANRAL, we are not only committed to our mandate to manage South Africa’s road infrastructure, but we place particular focus on making sure that our roads are meticulously engineered for all road users.

Message from the Acting CEO



SANRAL takes great pride in the work that it does in South African provinces with rural areas, such as Limpopo where we are doing our best to make a difference in the lives of the communities who our national roads pass, by creating jobs and other opportunities.

As a State-owned entity, SANRAL has an important role to play to ensure that we lift poor communities out of poverty and, in the process, deal with the systemic inequality and unemployment that is so rampant in our society.

We do this with communities, and not for them. Guided by our Horizon 2030 strategy, we consult with communities where we have projects about the best way in which they can benefit. Sometimes the benefit is through providing jobs or contract opportunities for local small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs), but sometimes the need identified by the community is for resources other than this. Sometimes the benefit is through providing jobs or contract opportunities for local small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs). At other times the need identified by the community is for different resources, such as community access roads, refurbished clinics or schools, or various types of training, which we collaborate with our partners to provide.

Our country is almost two years down the line in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. The Government has responded with different levels of lockdown, hoping to stem the tide of this dangerous virus, and has had the unenviable task of balancing saving lives with saving jobs. We have already gone through three waves of the COVID-19 pandemic, with different variants of the virus becoming predominant at different times.

At SANRAL we have had to make sure that we play our role in ensuring that our country's infrastructure is properly maintained during this crisis, and that we play a role in the much-needed economic recovery precipitated by an economic meltdown that started years before COVID-19.

In this issue of Hello Limpopo, we look at what is happening on the Musina Ring Road project, our three major routine road maintenance projects in Lephalale, and our upgrade project in Botlokwa. We also look at some of the community engagements we have had around the Moloto Road project, and other public engagements that we had in the province.

We hope you enjoy the read. Please stay safe over the festive season.

LEHLOHONOLO PITSE
SANRAL ACTING CEO

N1 Musina Ring Road, section 29, aerial view

Message from the Regional Manager



PROGRESS HLAHLA
NORTHERN REGION: REGIONAL MANAGER

The outcome of the local government elections – where there was an extremely low voter turnout – should serve as a wake-up call for those of us in government who are meant to serve the people.

Voters throughout the country have just expressed themselves in the elections, and it is clear that South Africans want better service delivery from everyone in government, whether it is at national, provincial or local level. We hope that we will all be able to reflect on the meaning of the low turnout and ensure that we generate excitement among voters before the national and provincial elections in 2024.

SANRAL has always been a shining beacon when it comes to service delivery on our national roads. They have consistently and diligently constructed new roads and maintained existing roads in all our provinces. We welcome the work they do and appreciate the partnerships that we have created on many of their projects in the Limpopo Province.

One of SANRAL's key projects is the construction of the Musina Ring Road which, when fully constructed next year, will bring huge time relief to road users in the Musina central business district.

But this is only one of the many projects that SANRAL has in the Limpopo province, where many local communities are benefitting from securing jobs and sub-contracts. In many communities the work and opportunities given to them by SANRAL plays an important role in sustaining their livelihoods..

As we head for the festive season, we appeal to everyone who uses our roads – drivers and pedestrians – to be alert and keep our roads safe.

We must also continue to keep our families safe in light of the coronavirus pandemic, which is still very present in our lives. Please continue to wear masks, sanitise and wash your hands regularly, and keep a safe social distance in public places. But most importantly, if you have not done so yet, please get yourself and your family vaccinated.

N1 Musina Ring Road, section 29



N1 Musina Ring Road, bridge construction site

Musina Ring Road *to be completed by 2022*

The Musina Ring Road will alleviate severe traffic congestion in the Musina central business district (CBD) once it is completed in the second quarter of 2022. A key benefit is that travel time for road users in and around Musina is expected to be significantly reduced.

The project consists of construction of approximately 8km of greenfields (new) single-carriageway freeway to form a western ring road around the town. The alignment deviates from the existing N1 section 29 alignment just south of Musina, and ties back into the existing alignment just north of the town.

Thousands of heavy vehicles use the N1 every day and pass through Musina CBD, adding to the traffic congestion and creating conflict with local traffic and pedestrians.



Project Manager Hennie Kotze said that the Musina Ring Road will facilitate mobility and safe movement of goods and services in and around the town.

“The R640 million project is progressing well. The stormwater infrastructure is complete as well as the majority of the earthworks. Except for the Nancefield interchange bridge, the other bridges are at advanced stages of completion. The contractor is currently progressing with layer works and surfacing,” said Kotze.

“Apart from COVID-19-related restrictions, which are proving to be a challenge on many projects managed by SANRAL across the country, we are confident about the anticipated June 2022 completion date, provided there are no further delays,” he said.

The project provides access to opportunities for local community members and small, medium and micro

enterprises (SMMEs). Fourteen targeted enterprises from the Musina municipal area are currently employed on the project.



“Up to 12% of the R640 million contract value will be allocated to targeted enterprises, of which 10% will be allocated to women-owned companies. The contractor has exceeded the 12% target and is currently standing at 14%,” said Kotze.

“There is also a contractual requirement to employ local labour, often referred to as targeted labour, to the value of 6% of the contract value. Of this value, 30% each must be used on women and youth labour.”

SANRAL recognises that it can help to build a capable and developmental state and drive economic development through the provision and maintenance of critical infrastructure. The Musina Ring Road project showcases this. Local businesses and communities have had access to employment through this project, as well as opportunities to tender for subcontracting.



N1 Musina Ring Road, section 29, drone footage

Disclaimer:
While some photos may include members of the public who are not wearing masks, SANRAL would like to stress that we strictly adhere to COVID-19 regulations at stakeholder and other events.

Ensuring effective project communication

On SANRAL projects a Public Liaison Committee (PLC) is formed and a Public Liaison Officer is appointed, in order to facilitate the smooth running of the projects and effective communication.

The PLC is made up of representatives of the project's stakeholders and the affected communities. The PLC would include individuals from the following sectors:

- Traditional leaders
- Provincial authority
- District authorities
- Local authorities
- Registered community-based organisations (e.g. road transport forums, women's organisations, and those representing persons with disabilities)
- Safety councils, etc.
- Department of Labour centres.

In addition, representatives from SANRAL's key stakeholders also form part of the PLC, including the Project Manager, Public Liaison Officer (PLO), engineer and route manager.

The PLC is the official communication channel between project stakeholders and affected communities, as well as for communication between them and the project team.

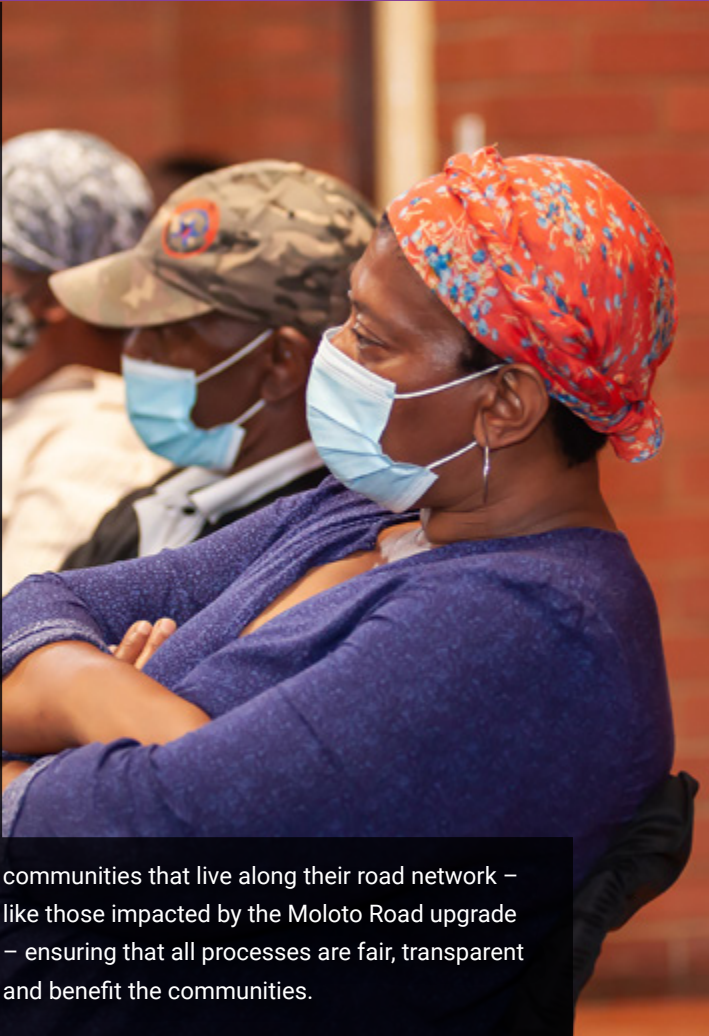
The main purpose of the PLC is to facilitate and oversee the processes that are happening within the project. They also ensure that everything is happening transparently. In addition, they assist in reaching out to the different constituencies to make sure the relevant information flows to the communities.

The PLO is an individual hired through a recruitment process, who is the contact person between the community and the Project Management Team (PMT). The PMT consists of the SANRAL Project Manager, the consulting engineer and the contract manager, who are service providers appointed by the roads agency.

One of the key duties expected of a PLO is securing labourers for the appointed contractor and subcontractors on a project. This is done in collaboration with the local municipality concerned and the Department of Labour. The PLO is also vital in identifying relevant training opportunities for targeted labourers.

The PLO also provides language translation services during engagements with the community. Lastly, the PLO is expected to conduct relevant stakeholder intelligence gathering within the communities concerned, and to ensure that the PMT is fully aware of this.

By establishing a PLC and appointing a PLO, SANRAL can work collaboratively with the key



communities that live along their road network – like those impacted by the Moloto Road upgrade – ensuring that all processes are fair, transparent and benefit the communities.

Three major projects for Lephalale Local Municipality

The South African National Roads Agency SOC Limited (SANRAL) recently hosted an information-sharing session in Lephalale Local Municipality to announce three projects that will create subcontracting and job opportunities.

The reseal and routine road maintenance (RRM) projects in the municipality will strengthen joint planning with the local community and small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs), and increase project coordination in the delivery of roads infrastructure. This will leave a legacy that extends beyond the physical roads.

"SANRAL will embark on resurfacing of the R572 national road from Monte Christo to Rooigrond and from Rooigrond to Tom Burke, and RRM of the R510 national road from Lephalale to Monte Christo, R572 from Monte Christo to Tom Burke, R518 from Lephalale to the Mogalakwena municipal boundary, and N11 from the Blouberg municipal boundary to the Groblersbrug border post," said SANRAL Northern Region project manager Nozipho Ngomane.

The second RRM project is for the R33 national road from the Modimolle municipal boundary to the R510 intersection in Lephalale, the R520 from the R510 intersection to the Modimolle

municipal boundary, and the R510 from the Thabazimbi municipal boundary to the R33 intersection in Lephalale.

The R213 million project for resurfacing of the R572 national road is expected to take 12 months to complete, and aims to employ 120 people. Work to be undertaken in terms of the contract ranges from application of temporary and permanent road markings, to repair and renewal or installation of new guardrails.

The combined value for two RRM projects covering parts of the R510, R572, R518, R33, R520 and N11 is R237 million. These projects aim to employ 200 people and are targeted at SMMEs from Lephalale Local Municipality and Waterberg Local Municipality. Work to be undertaken in terms of the contract ranges from repairing damaged road signs and pavement layers, to the construction of drainage works to combat erosion.

Local businesses and communities will be able to access employment and opportunities to tender for subcontracting. Should a sufficient number of contractors not be found in the specified target area, it will be expanded to allow sufficient participation and ensure a competitive tender process.



Routine road maintenance underway on the R81 section 1 in Gasekgopo.

R518, section 2, routine road maintenance of bridge



Themba Mhambi, SANRAL's chairman of the board.

SANRAL projects *create jobs* in Makhuduthamaga

At a recent 'Taking SANRAL to the People' stakeholder engagement session in Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality, Limpopo, SANRAL Northern Regional Manager Progress Hlahla shared information about current and future projects in the area.

"Knowledge is power. When you know the projects SANRAL is working on, you can embark with us on this journey of delivering a national transport system that will ensure better roads for all South Africans," he said.

Presenting the first project, SANRAL project manager for the Northern region Ernest Nqenqa said that the main contractor, Roadmac Surfacing (Pty) Ltd, has been appointed for resurfacing the R579 national road section 2 from Morwaneng to Maleetse.

"This project is valued at just above R100 million and is anticipated to start in January 2022. It will present subcontracting opportunities for grades 1 to 6

SMMEs, who will work alongside the main contractor for the 14-month duration of the project," he said.

This section of the R579 will also be upgraded. Nqenqa said that the R359 million upgrade project will start at the R33 intersection west of Morwaneng, and will end at the R579 section 3 intersection south of Maleetse. This project is anticipated to create 110 jobs for the local communities.

Presenting the third project, Nqenqa mentioned that SANRAL is bringing three routine road maintenance (RRM) projects valued at R47 million to the area.

"The project includes the RRM of the N11 national road from Mookgopong municipal border through Marble Hall to Elias Motsoaledi municipal border, the R573 national road from Dr JS Moroka municipal border to Marble Hall, and the R579 national road from the Elias Motsoaledi municipal border through Nebo to the Lepelle-Nkumpi municipal border," he said.

The RRM projects will bring 12 subcontracting packages to SMMEs in Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality. SANRAL board member Thamsanqa Matosa noted the concerns of the SMMEs, particularly regarding political interference in and influence over SANRAL projects.

"There are people who believe they are entitled to everything. As a result, SANRAL is losing millions of rands as this negative influence is leading to project stoppages and major project delays. We encourage the stakeholders to engage in a legal and acceptable manner that is not risky to the progress of infrastructure development in the municipality," Matosa said.

Chairman of SANRAL's board Themba Mhambi echoed Matosa's sentiments regarding political interference, and encouraged stakeholders to report, with evidence, any wrongdoing associated with SANRAL projects.



SMMEs engaging SANRAL during question and answer session.



SANRAL board member, Thamsanqa Matosa.



Land acquisition along the Moloto Road

SANRAL, in partnership with the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform (DRDLR), convened community resolution meetings to unlock the land acquisition process with communities of Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality. SANRAL and the DRDLR explained the land acquisition process and how they will deal with affected community members' rights, as well as how compensation will be determined.

Officials from the DRDLR assisted by facilitating the three-day consulting sessions, as compelled by the Interim Protection of Informal Land Rights Act (IPILRA) of 1996.

Once a resolution is obtained, compensation is paid to the affected community for the underlying land, and to affected individuals where individual rights are affected.

SANRAL's project manager responsible for land acquisition on the R573 Moloto Road project, David Thubane, explained that these community resolution meetings aim to share information and update the community on developments in the land acquisition process that will be undertaken, particularly on the Moloto Road expansion project.

"Land acquisition has been a particularly emotive issue on the Moloto Road project. We therefore convened this community meeting, which took over three days, to inform these communities about the land acquisition process that we will undergo and address any concerns that they had. We reached common agreements on how we will move forward," said Thubane.

One of the key agreements reached was how local small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs) will benefit from the project. SANRAL always tries to ensure that local communities that live alongside its road infrastructure projects benefit. In addition to ensuring that road safety is realised and that there is seamless mobility of people on Moloto Road, SANRAL will compensate those communities who live on the road's reserve and relocate them elsewhere before expanding the road.

Thubane said that the COVID-19 pandemic has delayed these plans, as the roads agency intended to carry them out in 2020.

Encroachment on the road reserves has always been a problem, with local traders operating there, compromising road safety.

"We will continue to educate local traders and other community members about these encroachments. The road reserve has been clearly defined and marked with yellow concrete beacons in all villages along the R573, to ensure awareness of the demarcation boundaries."

SANRAL engaged with six communities over the three days: Moteti B, Slovo Village, Oorlog, Stompo Village, Waalkraal B, and Waalkraal Extension.

SANRAL's project manager on the Limpopo section of the Moloto Road, Lawrence Chauke, said it was important to engage with households and individual homeowners: "We view consultation as an important exercise for our projects to be

realised. By engaging with community members who live alongside our projects, not only do we get their buy-in on the projects, but we are also able to attend to other social issues that affect them."

Most of the communities that have achieved a community resolution will also be assisted by the DRDLR to open a Community Investment and Development Account. Through this account, funds from the land acquisition process will be allocated to further benefit community members via projects such as building a community hall, clinic, library, and other local amenities.



Meet Ernest Nqenqa

Ernest Nqenqa is a Project Manager with several projects under his belt in Limpopo. He shares some insight into his role in the Northern Region.

What challenges have you encountered in your role during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic are limitations when we were supposed to engage with project stakeholders. This included restricted numbers during gatherings, which affected our stakeholder engagements.

At some points when we communicate the number of people allowed to attend at the venue, some stakeholders would think that we require a certain number so that we can choose our preferred people to work on the projects.

We had to revisit how we engaged, which led to virtual meetings. Most of our stakeholders did not welcome this at first, because of issues relating to internet connectivity. Some meetings were not resolved properly at some stage due to that.

What have been highlights of your role throughout this global pandemic?

Being able to adapt to the new way of work and appreciating the virtual meetings is my highlight. I can do virtual meetings with the project team, unlike in pre-COVID times, and with other stakeholders such as the municipality and Project Liaison Committee.

When we are doing stakeholder events we can reach over and above the stakeholders we are sitting with at the venue. The COVID pandemic has taught us that often we do not have to be at the event physically. By using virtual technology most stakeholders attend our engagements while sitting at home.

How do you measure success in your role?

By achieving most of the project-related milestones I set for myself. For example, setting up a project, initiating a project, and being part of the successful procurement process of the project.

I also measure success through my ability to set up a successful stakeholder engagement approach and learn from it. Stakeholders at different corners of the country behave differently and challenge us to be proactive and adopt a different approach when dealing with situations. There is always room to learn.

Engagement is key. The more I engage the stakeholders, no matter the situation, I am able to solve problems and see positive results.



What has been your major success in your role since you joined SANRAL?

I have successfully executed more than 10 Routine Road Maintenance projects since I joined the national roads agency. SANRAL encourages learning. The Project Manager's role allows me to learn new things almost every day, particularly when I allow time to engage my stakeholders.

Tell us about major projects you are working on that are close to your heart.

The Routine Road Maintenance of national route N11 from Limpopo/Mpumalanga border through Groblersdal to Mokopane. This project forces me to engage the stakeholders and conduct several meetings to address the challenges at hand.

Difficult projects expose a person to stakeholders that you may not have realised existed in the areas where SANRAL has projects, and engagement becomes key. When there are further project challenges in the future, you know who to call. This is something I am facing head-on.

FAQs

1. WHAT IS THE LENGTH OF SOUTH AFRICA'S TOTAL ROAD NETWORK AND HOW DOES THAT COMPARE TO OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD?

South Africa has the 10th largest road network in the world, measuring 750,000km. The national road network which is managed by SANRAL measures 22,253 km.

2. HOW DOES SANRAL FACILITATE ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION OF SMMEs?

In line with its Transformation Policy SANRAL has set up Supplier Development Desks in all its offices. The primary purpose of these desks is to provide the following services:

- Direct support and development to SMMEs and entities owned by people in designated groups
- Respond to various queries from SMMEs and other potential service providers
- Assist SMMEs with registrations, e.g. SARS, CIDB, CSD and DoEL
- Provide information to SMMEs on SANRAL's transformation initiatives
- Facilitate contact between SMMEs and SANRAL's strategic partners
- Advise on upcoming training sessions, workshops and information sessions
- Research, monitoring and reporting – trend analysis, tender feedback.

Contact details for the Supplier Development Desks in SANRAL's four regions are as follows:

Email: SDD-WR@nra.co.za

Telephone: +27 21 957 4600

Physical address: 1 Havenga Street, Oakdale, Bellville, Western Cape, 7530

Email: SDD-ER@nra.co.za

Telephone: +27 33 392 8100

Physical address: 58 van Eck Place, Mkondeni, Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal, 3200

Email: SDD-NR@nra.co.za

Telephone: +27 11 426 6200

Physical address: 38 Ida Street, Menlo Park, Pretoria, Gauteng, 0081

Email: SDD-SR@nra.co.za

Telephone: +27 41 398 3242

Physical address: 20 Shoreward Drive, Baywest, Gqeberha, Eastern Cape, 6025

Visits are by appointment only; please note no visitors are allowed during COVID-19 Alert Levels 3 to 5.

The desks also have a virtual component which may be reached on SANRAL's supplier portal: www.sanralsmme.co.za.

The same information will be available virtually that is available from the physical desk. In addition, second-tier (subcontract tenders) opportunities will be advertised on the online portal.

3. HOW DO I GET HOLD OF SANRAL IF I HAVE ANY QUERIES AROUND ROAD CLOSURES?

Please visit our social media platforms on [Facebook](#) and Twitter for regular updates and valuable information related to road conditions/closures/maintenance.

Members of the media should contact us via pressoffice@nra.co.za.

4. HOW CAN I CONTRACT FOR WORK WITH SANRAL?

Construction work is all given out on tender. SANRAL's procurement philosophy is aimed at broad-based BEE. This contributes to economic growth in our country and the Southern African region as a whole. For example, we train, mentor and educate, we make a dent in unemployment wherever we work, and we stimulate and encourage growth in the small and informal sectors of our economy.

All first-tier tenders can be found in the following publications:

Government Printing Works Tender Bulletin:

www.gpwonline.org.co.za

E-tender portal – National Treasury:

www.etender.gov.za

Lead2business: www.l2b.co.za

SANRAL website: www.sanral.co.za

SAFCEC: www.safcec.org.za

CIDB: www.cidb.org.za



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5. DOES SANRAL OFFER BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS?

Yes! SANRAL continues to support skills development in engineering and the built environment in the form of bursaries and scholarships. Its opportunities extend to learners and students in other fields as well. Application forms can be found on the [SANRAL](#) website or email externalbursaries@nra.co.za for more information. Applications open 1 June and close 30 September every year.

6. DOES SANRAL ACCOMMODATE STUDENTS FOR INTERNSHIPS?

Yes! Internships are geared at Civil Engineering students who require work-integrated learning (WIL) in order to complete and graduate from their tertiary institutions. They are accommodated at conventional construction or routine road maintenance (RRM) projects in order to gain practical training/experience.

Students interested in applying for an internship are required to submit:

- Comprehensive CV
- Letter from the institution stating that you have fulfilled all requirements theoretically and are granted permission to seek WIL
- Copy of ID
- Academic record
- Driver's licence is advantageous, but not a prerequisite

Applications for internships may be submitted throughout the year, to

internshipswr@nra.co.za (Western Cape and Northern Cape)

internshipssr@nra.co.za (Eastern Cape)

internshipsnr@nra.co.za (Gauteng, Mpumalanga, Limpopo and North West)

internshipser@nra.co.za (Free State and KZN)

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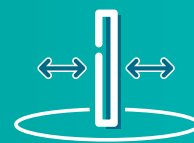
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