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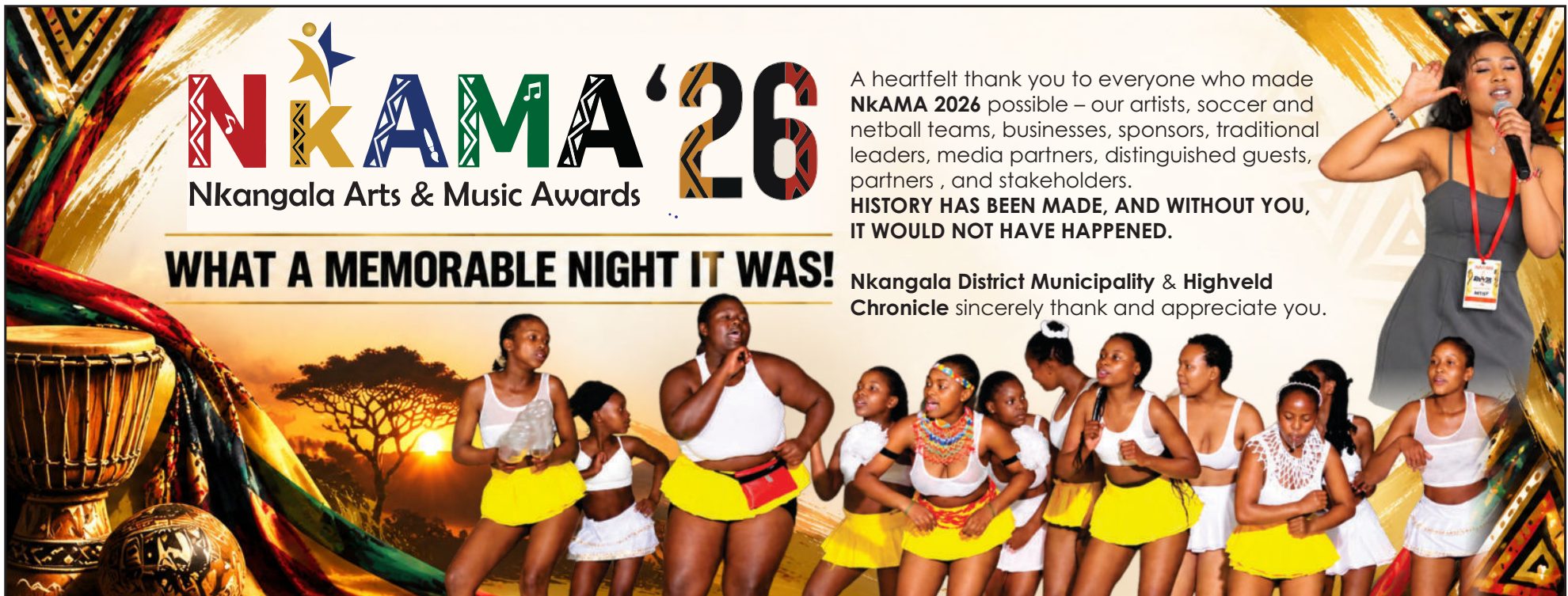


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Steve Tshwete sweeps five awards at water and sanitation dialogue

LUCAS SHONGWE
MIDDELBURG – Steve Tshwete Local Municipality won five awards at the Africa and Global South Water and Sanitation Dialogue held at the Sydney Choma Banquet Hall in Middelburg on Thursday, 10 September 2026. The municipality was named the overall winner in three categories, including Best Performing System with a Green Drop score of 96,3% for the Blinkpan Wastewater Treatment Works, Best Performing System with a Green Drop score of 94,9% for the Hendrina Water System, and Best Technical Site Assessment for Wastewater Systems, with a score of 94% for Komati. In addition, two municipal employees, Musiwa Gangashe, Assistant Director for Water Quality, and Zelda Wishart, Chief Chemist, each received an award in the Recognition of Individuals as Green Drop Champions category. The awards recognise excellence in wastewater management and technical compliance under the Department of Water and Sanitation's Green Drop programme. Reacting to the achievement, Executive Mayor Mhlonishwa Masilela said he was proud of the municipality's performance in both the Blue Drop and Green Drop assessments. "I'm so happy as the Executive Mayor that we won five awards for cleaning our water – both Green Drop and Blue Drop. They assessed our water treatment plants and they also recognised two capable

workers in the municipality – Zelda and Musiwa," Masilela said. "We are making sure that people get the best quality water. We understand that we have almost 432 kilometres of ageing pipelines where we need almost R680 million to improve our infrastructure. We acknowledge that, but when they come to assess a municipality, they also check maintenance, and we do that." Masilela said the municipality is pursuing partnerships to secure clean drinking water for the future. "We believe that in the future, people will still drink clean water after we have finalised this tripartite partnership. We need mines that can invest. We need partners who want to invest in the municipality to make sure people get safe and suitable water to drink," he said. Other municipalities in Mpumalanga were also recognised for improved wastewater management. City of Mbombela scooped several awards, including second runner-up for Best Performing System for Matsulu with 90,4%, first runner-up for Kanyamazane Wastewater Treatment Works, and first runner-up for Best Performing Water Services

Institution with 82%. The city also received first runner-up for Best Provincial Technical Site Assessment for Wastewater Systems for Kingston Vale, with 90%, and was ranked number one in the Top 8 Most Improved Municipalities in the province, improving from 74% in 2021 to 82% in 2025. Govan Mbeki Municipality received second runner-up for Best Provincial Technical Site Assessment for the eMbalenhle Wastewater Treatment Works, achieving 89%. Chief Albert Luthuli Municipality was named second runner-up for Best Performing Water Services Institution in the province with 71%. It was also ranked second in the Top 8 Most Improved Municipalities, improving from 11% in 2021 to 71% in 2025. Msukaligwa Local Municipality was ranked third after improving from 17% to 67%. A municipality that improved from 46% to 62% was placed fourth, while eMakhazeni Local Municipality was

fifth after improving from 55% to 59%. Thaba Chweu Local Municipality was sixth after improving from 10% to 58%, followed by Dr JS Moroka Local Municipality in seventh position after improving from 48% to 58%. Thembisile Hani Local Municipality was eighth after improving from 47% to 52%. Dudu Sifunda, an official from the provincial Department of Water and Sanitation, said the awards were meant to encourage municipalities, particularly those still performing below 58%. She noted that municipalities such as eMalahleni still have non-functional plants and therefore did not receive awards. "The awards issued are for plants that are functional and have shown improvement, and they are encouraging municipalities to fix their non-functional treatment works and deal with pollution," she explained.



Steve Tshwete Executive Mayor Mhlonishwa Masilela (centre) beams with a smile as he receives an award from Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation David Mahlobo (right) and MEC for Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs Speedy Mashilo. The municipality received five awards, including two recognising municipal employees, for excellence in wastewater management and technical compliance.

“the path of the righteous winds upwards to flee from hell beneath us” Prov 15:24



Some “Above-the-Sun” Wisdom

By Pastor Chuck Swindoll

There was a small town with only a few people, and a great king came with his army and besieged it. A poor, wise man knew how to save the town, and so it was rescued. But afterward no one thought to thank him. So even though wisdom is better than strength, those who are wise will be despised if they are poor. What they say will not be appreciated for long. Better to hear the quiet words of a wise person than the shouts of a foolish king. (Ecclesiastes 9:14–17)

I appreciate the words of one writer. He says, “This parable is not a moral tale to show what people should do. It is a cautionary tale to show what they are like.” Solomon's story is more than a simple account of a city under siege. It's a scene that communicates the importance of wisdom. Strength is more impressive yet less effective than wisdom. Isn't it true? If we stand strength alongside wisdom, strength will get the public's vote practically every time. We're impressed with it. It is intimidating. It's always going faster, getting smarter, more competitive, more skillful. But in Ecclesiastes 9:16 are the words from the wise yet poor man. His words, nevertheless, live on—“Wisdom is better than strength.” But there's another piece of counsel given as verse 16 continues: “But the wisdom of the poor man is despised and

his words are not heeded” (NASB 1995). Wise counsel is never popular, rarely obeyed, and seldom remembered. No one remembered the poor man. Do you see what this is about? This isn't a simple little story about a village. This is a parable offering insight about life. And the poor man is the inner heart, the conscience, the spirit within us. It's that which pulsates with Scripture—that which is in touch with the timeless sage called the Spirit of God. It is the inner man that quietly waits to be obeyed. Another statement of wisdom is found in verse 17: Human rulers will always outshout wise counselors, and fools prefer the former. “The words of the wise heard in quietness are better than the shouting of a ruler among fools” (9:17 NASB 1995). Wise counselors will give accurate yet quiet counsel, but fools will prefer to hear the advice of loud rulers. The enemy forces are at the wall, and our “village” is being threatened. If we are Christians, there is a quiet voice deep within our spirits. It is the voice of the Spirit of God, prompting us to turn to God's Book as our unerring guide. But he won't use force. He won't even threaten. He speaks softly and waits patiently to be heard and obeyed. In the rat race called living on the ragged edge, it is easy to be seduced. Listen to God, even if His counsel is painful. Even if you find few people who agree with you, if God says it, do it. Not until you do will you find relief and recovery. Only then can you truly come to terms with reality.

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Mayor Ngwenya appeals to MEC Leah Mabuza and business to back NkAMA

LUCAS SHONGWE

MIDDELBURG – Nkangala District Executive Mayor Thomas Ngwenya has appealed to the Department of Culture, Sport and Recreation and the business community to adopt and support the Nkangala Arts and Music Awards (NkAMA). Ngwenya made the appeal during his address at the NkAMA Gala Dinner held at the Sydney Choma Banquet Hall in Middelburg on Friday evening, 11 September. The event was attended by executive mayors, councillors, business leaders, arts, sports and culture representatives,



Best Visual Artist: Ikosi Cecil Mahlangu stands alongside the Highveld Chronicle team as they present David M. Moima with his award after he was voted Best Visual Artist.



Living Legend: Nkangala District Executive Mayor Cllr Thomas Ngwenya honours HRH Esther Mnguni with a Living Legend Award for her contribution to Ndebele art, Umgwalo and beadwork

IMAGE: LENA Productions

Living Legends, artists, cultural practitioners, sports personalities, tournament champions and families of posthumous honourees. Ngwenya called on the provincial department to enter into a formal partnership with NkAMA. “We appeal to the Department of Culture, Sport and Recreation, within its mandate and budget processes, to consider a structured, annual partnership that supports the growth of NkAMA,” he said. “MEC, as a daughter of Nkangala, your department’s leadership is central to this work. When the

provincial government joins with local government, institutions and communities to develop talent, we send a powerful message that no gifted child should be excluded merely because their starting point is rural, township-based or far from established opportunity.” Turning to the private sector, Ngwenya invited businesses to invest in the platform. “We invite businesses to include this platform in their community investment and development plans. We call on municipalities, artists, sports bodies, media and communities to work with us in building a programme that is credible, inclusive and sustainable,” he said. “As an African proverb puts it: ‘If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together.’ NkAMA must go far.” He said business support should go beyond branding. “I repeat the invitation made at the inception event: become Friends of NkAMA. This is not merely an opportunity to place a logo at an event. It is an opportunity to invest in the communities where your employees live, where your customers raise their families and where the next generation of innovators, performers, entrepreneurs and champions is growing,” Ngwenya said. “You can support through funding, category sponsorships, prizes, equipment, mentorship, media reach, transport, accommodation, training and market access. Every meaningful contribution can alter the trajectory of a promising life.” NkAMA was officially launched on



Nkangala District Executive Mayor Cllr Thomas Ngwenya watches with excitement as one of the performances unfolds, alongside Dr JS Moroka Executive Mayor Nomsa Mtsweni

7 July this year by *Highveld Chronicle* in partnership with Nkangala District Municipality, representing all six local municipalities in the district. “That partnership is at the heart of this initiative: local storytelling, local leadership and local talent working together to create a platform that belongs to all of Nkangala,” he said. Ngwenya outlined four reasons why NkAMA deserves support: home-grown pride, mandate alignment, economic stimulation and legacy building. “Every child and young person must be able to believe that excellence born in Nkangala can be recognised in Nkangala. Recognition is not vanity; it is affirmation. Too often, we only celebrate our people once another city, province or country has recognised them. NkAMA reverses that logic,” he said. He added that the awards advance the public mandate of developing talent, promoting sport, arts and culture, strengthening social cohesion and

widening access at grassroots level. “Talent can create livelihoods. The creative and sporting economy needs performers and athletes, but it also needs producers, designers, sound engineers, coaches, event managers, photographers, caterers, decorators, transport providers, security personnel, printers, digital marketers and media professionals. Support for NkAMA is therefore not charity. It is investment in local enterprise, youth employment, tourism and skills.” Ngwenya said NkAMA must become a long-term platform that discovers talent early and preserves heritage. “From Witbank came the late Hugh Masekela, whose music reached the world without losing its South African soul. From Middelburg came Dr Esther Mahlangu, whose art has carried the visual language of our heritage to an international audience. Their journeys teach us that greatness can begin in our communities, but it must be noticed, nurtured and given room to grow.”

Highveld Chronicle sets sights on greater community impact in next 10 years – Dlakude

LUCAS SHONGWE

MIDDELBURG – As *Highveld Chronicle* marks 10 years since its establishment, CEO Mfanzile Dlakude says the publication’s next decade will focus on making a lasting impact in the communities it serves. Dlakude was speaking after receiving an Appreciation Certificate and Award during the Nkangala Arts and Music Awards (NkAMA) Gala Dinner at the Sydney Choma Banquet Hall on Friday evening. He said the recognition came as an unexpected surprise. “Our work at *Highveld Chronicle* involves putting other people first, hence our slogan – First with the People, first with the News. This is very precious. Normally, when we do that, we forget about ourselves. So getting this recognition means a lot to me. I did not expect this; it’s a huge surprise to me,” he said. Reflecting on the journey since the newspaper was established in 2016, Dlakude said its first 10 years had focused on expanding its reach. He co-founded the publication while working as an ICT Business Analyst at



A decade of impact: An emotional Mfanzile Dlakude, *Highveld Chronicle* Co-Founder and CEO, stands alongside Business Strategist Mulawu Mathye. Dlakude says the next 10 years for *Highveld Chronicle* will focus on making a greater impact in the communities it serves

Victor Khanye Local Municipality in Delmas. The newspaper initially covered three municipalities – Victor Khanye, eMalahleni and Steve Tshwete. That changed in September 2020, during the Covid-19 lockdown, when Dlakude left his full-time job to run the publication. He said the decision was initially not well received by his spouse, who has always supported his vision, given the uncertainty of leaving a guaranteed salary to pursue the business full-time. The decision has since seen *Highveld Chronicle* expand its footprint to all six local municipalities in the Nkangala District, with support from municipalities and government departments. This, he said, enabled the publication to recruit a larger team. “Highveld Chronicle is not just a paper. It creates job opportunities and strives to make a lasting difference in the communities it serves,” Dlakude said. He said the publication must now

shift its focus from expanding its reach to creating greater impact in the communities it serves. “We spent the first 10 years trying to reach everywhere. Now we have a question: What are we going to do in the next 10 years? The answer is to make a difference in the communities that we are serving, and we understand that we cannot achieve this alone. NkAMA is part of the initiatives which we are using to make that difference,” he explained. Dlakude said NkAMA was established in response to the needs of artists who approached the publication seeking opportunities to showcase their work. “We were looking at the people that were coming to us wanting their stories to be told. I am talking about artists who wanted a platform to be heard, seen and to showcase their work in various communities within the Nkangala District,” he said. He also thanked the leadership of Nkangala District Municipality for supporting the NkAMA initiative. “I want to thank the leadership of Nkangala District Municipality, politically led by Executive Mayor Thomas Ngwenya and administratively led by Municipal Manager Mandla Mahlangu, for their overwhelming support thus far. When we introduced the NkAMA initiative to them, they opened their hands and availed the resources. Thank you once again for helping us to fulfil this dream of making a difference in the Nkangala communities,” he said.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Nkangala District Municipality Council Speaker Cllr Kabelo Boshomane (left), together with Highveld Chronicle CEO Mfanzile Dlakude (right), presents a Special Award of Appreciation to Peter “Shakes” Kabini of the Shakes Rotating Tournament for his exceptional contribution towards making the NkAMA activation soccer and netball games a success

IMAGE: LENA Productions

SACP will not retaliate as ANC removes SACP-linked employees in Mpumalanga

● LUCAS SHONGWE

MPUMALANGA – The South African Communist Party (SACP) in Mpumalanga says it will not punish members who choose to campaign for the African National Congress (ANC), even as the ANC moves to remove or reshuffle SACP-linked leaders holding key municipal positions ahead of the 4 November 2026 local government elections.

Several SACP members deployed to positions in municipalities across the province have already been removed or reshuffled, with more expected to follow.

The ANC in Mpumalanga has made it clear that members who campaign against the organisation will be regarded as opponents.

ANC Deputy Chairperson in Mpumalanga Speedy Mashilo said the ANC is a constitutional organisation and is acting within its constitution.

“We are a constitutional organisation, any person who campaigns against the ANC is an opponent. That is what our constitution says, and it is not a secret,” Mashilo said.

“Anyone against us should be regarded as an opponent.”

He said the ANC was not conducting a blanket purge of SACP members.

“But of course, there are SACP members who are in our list, who we can't just get rid of as SACP members. They remain our comrades,” he said.

Mashilo cited SACP Provincial Chairperson Bonakele Majuba, who is also MEC for Finance, and Provincial Secretary Lucky Mbuyane as examples.

“There could be one or two issues here and there, but from where we see it, there is no effort or position to remove comrades as such, unless those comrades are opponents to the ANC. We can't just target him for no apparent reason,” he said.

Mashilo's remarks echo a national directive from ANC First Deputy Secretary-General Nomvula Mokonyane.

In April this year, Mokonyane was explicit about the consequences for dual members who campaign for the SACP while deployed by the ANC.

“If you are in the executive, at local government, or serving in any position of influence, including deployment, we will take steps, including the removal from those particular positions, with immediate effect, removal means recall, because you will be doing activities that are not consistent with the ANC,” Mokonyane said.

At the heart of the fallout is the SACP's decision to contest the 4 November 2026 local government elections on its own.

The decision was taken at its 5th Special National Congress in Boksburg in December 2024.

The SACP cited, among other reasons, ideological differences, the ANC's decision to form a Government of National Unity (GNU) with the DA after the 2024 elections, the National Democratic Revolution (NDR) veering off track, the service delivery crisis and high unemployment.

While the SACP says it still wants to engage and persuade the ANC, the ANC has moved from talks to implementation.

The removals are already evident in several municipalities across the province.

A month ago, Tylor Pookgoadi was removed from his position as MMC for Corporate Services in Nkangala District Municipality.

Pookgoadi's removal followed that of Alderman Marumo Sekgwele, former MMC for Infrastructure Development Services in Steve Tshwete Local Municipality. Sekgwele told this publication that he was instructed to vacate office on 13 April after publicly announcing his support for the SACP.

But Sekgwele and Pookgoadi are not the only casualties.

“Comrades Mapaseka Molaba who was the MMC for Community Services and Safety and Dorcus Rakishi in Lekwa Municipality were reshuffled. As if this was not enough, Cde Virginia Mzimba who was the MMC for Finance in Bushbuckridge Municipality was also reshuffled,” Mbuyane said.

The reshuffling is apparently set to continue in Nkangala District Municipality, with Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) Chairperson Pule Moseri in the firing line.

Nkangala ANC Secretary Sello Matshoga told the publication that Moseri was instructed to resign but refused.

“The ANC is now planning to remove him through a motion of no confidence in council,” he said.

Matshoga further explained that the SACP members were removed for contravening ANC policy, aims and objectives.

“Rule 25 states that any person who campaigns against the ANC must be subjected to a disciplinary process. You cannot campaign against the ANC and remain in its structures. But because of dual membership, we have not done so,” he said.

“As an organisation, we have resolved that since we are now contesting the elections alone, those who were afforded the opportunity and deployed to positions of power should vacate those positions. They were deployed not as SACP members, but as ANC members. We will therefore recall them and appoint individuals who are fully committed to the ANC. That is what we have done.”

Mbuyane, who is also Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Economic Development and Tourism, said the SACP would not respond with counter-purges or declarations.

“The SACP is not going to sign any declaration from the ANC. And we are also not making ANC members sign declarations with us. But those who are leaders and members of the SACP must campaign for the SACP,” he said.

Mbuyane added that the party would not punish its members who choose to campaign for the ANC.

“Simply because our contestation of elections is not the end of the alliance. We are not ending this alliance.”

He stressed that the alliance is revolutionary, not merely electoral.

“It is not an electoral alliance. After elections, we shall need the alliance to continue. In actual fact, we are reconfiguring the alliance through the ballot,” he said.

“We cannot reduce the alliance to elections. The SACP is not an electoral organisation. We entered elections because of some of the things done by the ANC, including the issue of the GNU, those are the things that made us contest elections.”

SACP campaigner and former councillor in Steve Tshwete Local Municipality Bongane Mayaba accused the ANC of using divisive tactics and practising preferential treatment by targeting selected SACP members at municipal level while leaving those in the provincial legislature and Parliament untouched.

“This removal is selective and is based on who is perceived to be the strongest. That weakens the organisation and it must not happen,” he said.



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Ukuqakatheka koku gidinga imiyanya yamagugu, isintu Kanye namasiko

Emmanuel N Mthimunya

Njengoba iphasi sele litjuguluka nje lamukela indlela yanamhlanje yokusebenza, lokho kukodwa kufaka, isiko, amagugu Kanye nesintu engozini yokutjhabalala ngoba lesi s'khathi sanamhlanje sele simumethe ipilo yobu khazikhazi Kanye nobuqwephetjhe besi manje manje. Yeke ukugidinga iminyanya yamasiko, amagugu, isintu nobu rhwari kuyindlela enamandla yokugcina nokubuthelela isimilo nesithunzi yesintu. Ngalokhu irhubhululo liveza bona iminyanya le ngiyo ekwazi ukuveza nokuhlaziya imvelaphi yomuntu ngoba kula sikwazi ukubona khona bona umuntu uvunula njani begodu ngengiyiphi indlela ekufuze aziphathe ngayo. Kanye hlangana neenzathu ezikhona zokugidinga iiminyanya yamasiko namagugu, kuvikela imvelaphi yesintu nesiko, kuvikela amagugu wesintu Kanye noku buthelela ilwazi ngepilo hlalo

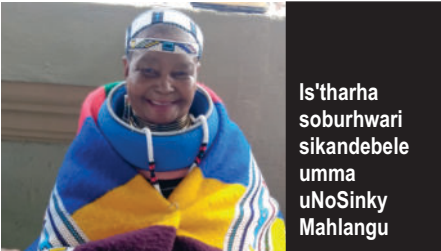
yesintu. Nasi dzubhula ekulumeni kaNdabezitha uMkhambi II Mahlangu, kunala alaya khona ilutjha bona lingarhulupheli amarhugu kodwana lizibuthelele, lihloniphe isintu begodu lisithande isintu lingalahla nefundo. Ngalawo magama uNdabezitha bekahlosa ukwakha ilutjha begodu alinga nokulivezela bona ukugidibga iiminyanya yamagugu kungeminye yemithombo yelwazi yokwazi ngemvelaphi ye'skhabo lomuntu. Yeke iminyanya le ingezinye zendlela zokubuthelela amagugu nokuwa fukamela ukuze ahlale aphephile begodu aphilile. Iminyanya le ingezinye zezinto zokuthuthukisa ivakatiho bukela enarheni ngombana kiyo vane kusuke nabantu ababuya ennarheni ezinye Kanye neefundeni ezinye ezihlukileko bazoku funda ngepilo hlalo kandebele kanye noku

gidinga, yeke lokhu kuletha umnotho kuqede netjhirho ngombana kusuke kube nabantu abathengisa uburhwari babo ngibala abantu abafana nabo Thando Mahlangu, Nqobile Masuku, umma uNosinki uSkhumba La Masango Kanye nabanengi, laba, bantu ngaphandle koku thengisa uburhwari babo, badlala indima ekulu ekuthuthu kiseni isiko pilo yamandebele nokuvikela isiNdebele, yeke eminyanyeni yama gugu kula bakwazi khona ukuveza noku khangisa ubuhle besiko pilo kandebele begodu kula abantu ababuya kwezinye iinnarha neemfunda bakwazi ukufunda ngesiko pilo kandebele, kungakho ukugidingwa kweminyanya yamagugu kuqakathekile begodu kungasiyinto ekufuze iphelele emoyeni namkha ebaleni. Yeke lokhu kukodwa kuyakhombisa bona ukugidinga iminyanya

yamagugu akusi mayelana nokuzi jabulisa kwaphela kodwana kumayelana noku zikhakhazisa, ukurhwebelana ngoburhwari nomvumo Kanye nokwabelana ngelwazi lepilo hlalo khulukhulu nokuvikela isintu namagugu njengoba kilesi'skhathi sanamhlanje izinto sele zitjhuguluke khulu begodu ukutjhuguluka kwazo sele kululazeke isintu Kanye nepilo hlalo yesiko nekambiso yabokhokho. Yeke ukugidinga iminyanya yesintu kuyindlela yokuvikela nokufukamela Ubuntu kanye nesintu begodu lokhu kurhelebha khulu ekutheni amagugu nepilo hlalo Kanye nesintu kudluliseke lula eenzukulwaneni ezikhona nezizako lokho kukodwa kuligugu.



Ukuhlangela kweeminyanya yama gugu: laku ngesgodlweni sakwa Ndzundza Mabhoko nge Ngwenyameni uMabhokolli ngeMthambothini



NOTICE OF SALE BY SHERIFF’S AUCTION: IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AUCTION: IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA, MPUMALANGA DIVISION, MIDDELBURG (LOCAL SEAT), CASE NUMBER: 1701/2024: In the matter between: **BUSINESS PARTNERS LIMITED** (Reg no: 1981/000918/06) **PLAINTIFF/EXECUTION CREDITOR** and **MOLOKO JACK RAPATSA** (ID No: 681113 5770 08 3) **FIRST DEFENDANT**, **MOLOKO JACK RAPATSA (N.O.)** (ID No: 681113 5770 08 3) In his capacity as trustee of The Lambano Property Trust (IT40/2012(G) **SECOND DEFENDANT / EXECUTION DEBTOR, TREASURY TRUST SERVICES (PTY) LTD (N.O.)** Represented by EDUAN DEON BOTHA (ID No: 920707 5056 08 7) In its capacity as trustee of The Lambano Property Trust (IT40/2012(G) **THIRD DEFENDANT / EXECUTION DEBTOR**

In pursuance of and in execution of a judgment of the High Court South Africa, Mpumalanga Division, Middelburg (Local Seat) in the above mentioned suit, a sale will be held, with a Court reserve price of **R2 600 000.00**, having regard also to Court Rule 46(5)(a) by the Sheriff, **DELMAS at 63 RENNIE AVENUE, SUNDRA, VICTOR KHANYE, DELMAS, MPUMALANGA** on **WEDNESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2026 at 11H00** of the undermentioned property of the Second Defendant and Third Defendants / Execution Debtors, subject to the conditions of sale which are available for inspection at the offices of the Sheriff **DELMAS** during office hours:

ERF 286 ELOFF TOWNSHIP, REGISTRATION DIVISION I.R. PROVINCE OF MPUMALANGA, MEASURING 2103 (TWO THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND THREE) SQUARE METRES, HELD BY DEED OF TRANSFER T14285/2012, subject to the conditions therein contained, Magisterial District: Nkangala; **ALSO KNOWN AS: 286 TAYLOR STREET, ELOFF, DELMAS** Particulars of the property and the improvements thereon are provided herewith, but are not guaranteed:- **Various individual units consisting of:** UNIT 1 - Lounge, kitchen, bathroom, carport, 2x bedrooms, tile roof; UNIT 2 - Lounge, kitchen, bathroom, carport, 2x bedrooms, tile roof; UNIT 3 - Lounge, kitchen, bathroom, carport, 2x bedrooms, tile roof; UNIT 4 - Lounge, kitchen, bathroom, carport, 2x bedrooms, tile roof; UNIT 5 - Lounge, kitchen, bathroom, carport, 2x bedrooms, tile roof; UNIT 6 - Lounge, kitchen, bathroom, carport, 2x bedrooms, tile roof; UNIT 7 - Lounge, kitchen, bathroom, carport, 2x bedrooms, tile roof; UNIT 8 - Lounge, kitchen, bathroom, carport, 2x bedrooms, tile roof; UNIT 9 - Lounge, kitchen, bathroom, carport, 2x bedrooms, tile roof; UNIT 10 - Lounge, kitchen, bathroom, carport, 2x bedrooms, tile roof.

This sale in execution will be conducted by the Sheriff, Mr. I. Swart, or his Deputy in accordance with the Consumer Protection Act 68 of 2008, as amended, in pursuant of an order granted against the Second and Third Defendants / Execution Debtors for money owing to the Plaintiff / Execution Creditor. The sale is subject to the Rules of auction and Conditions of Sale which may be inspected 24-hours prior to the auction at the offices of the Sheriff, **DELMAS at 63 RENNIE AVENUE, SUNDRA, VICTOR KHANYE, DELMAS, MPUMALANGA, TEL NO: 082 681 7831**, during office hours. Advertising costs at current publication rates and sale costs according to the court rules, apply. Registration as Buyer is a pre-requisite subject to further conditions and requirements, *inter alia:* (a) Directive of the Consumer Protection Act 68 of 2008 (URL <http://www.info.gov.za/view/DownloadFileAction?id=99961>) (b) FICA-legislation – proof of identity and address particulars of the Bidder is required. (c) Payment of a registration fee of R10 000,00 (refundable). (d) Registration Conditions. (e) Registration form to be completed before the Auction. **Summary of conditions to payments upon sale:** The purchaser shall pay to the sheriff a deposit of 10% of the purchase price in cash or by way of bank guaranteed cheque on the day of the sale, without set-off or deduction and provide proof of payment to the satisfaction of the Sheriff. The balance shall be paid against the transfer and shall be secured by a guarantee issued by a financial institution approved by the execution creditor or his or her attorney and shall be furnished to the Sheriff within Twenty One (21) days after the date of sale. The property may be taken possession of after signature of the conditions of sale, payment of the deposit and upon the balance of the purchase price being secured in terms of the conditions of sale. Should the purchaser receive possession of the property, the purchaser shall be liable for occupational rental at the rate of 1% of the purchase price per month from date of possession of the property to date of registration. Inspect conditions at **THE SHERIFF DELMAS, 63 RENNIE AVENUE, SUNDRA, VICTOR KHANYE, DELMAS, MPUMALANGA, TEL NO: 082 681 7831**.

STRYDOM BRITZ MOHULATSI INC, ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF/EXECUTION CREDITOR, BUILDING A, FIRST FLOOR MENLYN WOODS OFFICE PARK 291 SPRITE AVENUE, FEARIE GLEN PRETORIA, TEL NUMBER: (012) 365 1887 E-MAIL: werner@sbmattorneys.co.za REF: W NOLTE/LB/DL38285

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ERF 301 ELOFF TOWNSHIP, REGISTRATION DIVISION I.R. PROVINCE OF MPUMALANGA, MEASURING 1481 (ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND EIGHTY ONE) SQUARE METRES, HELD BY DEED OF TRANSFER T1984/2015, subject to the conditions therein contained, Magisterial District: Nkangala; **ALSO KNOWN AS: 301 KIRBY STREET, ELOFF, DELMAS** Particulars of the property and the improvements thereon are provided herewith, but are not guaranteed:- **Various individual units consisting of:** UNIT 1 - Lounge, kitchen, bathroom, carport, 2x bedrooms, steel roof; UNIT 2 - Lounge, kitchen, bathroom, carport, 2x bedrooms, steel roof; UNIT 3 - Lounge, kitchen, bathroom, carport, 2x bedrooms, steel roof; UNIT 4 - Lounge, kitchen, bathroom, carport, 2x bedrooms, steel roof; UNIT 5 - Lounge, kitchen, bathroom, carport, 2x bedrooms, steel roof; UNIT 6 - Lounge, kitchen, bathroom, carport, 2x bedrooms, steel roof; UNIT 7 - Lounge, kitchen, bathroom, carport, 2x bedrooms, iron roof; UNIT 8 - Lounge, kitchen, bathroom, carport, 2x bedrooms, steel roof; UNIT 9 - Lounge, kitchen, bathroom, carport, 2x bedrooms, iron roof; UNIT 10 - Lounge, kitchen, bathroom, carport, 2x bedrooms, steel roof. This sale in execution will be conducted by the Sheriff, Mr. I. Swart, or his Deputy in accordance with the Consumer Protection Act 68 of 2008, as amended, in pursuant of an order granted against the Second and Third Defendants / Execution Debtors for money owing to the Plaintiff / Execution Creditor. The sale is subject to the Rules of auction and Conditions of Sale which may be inspected 24-hours prior to the auction at the offices of the Sheriff, **DELMAS at 63 RENNIE AVENUE, SUNDRA, VICTOR KHANYE, DELMAS, MPUMALANGA, TEL NO: 082 681 7831**, during office hours. Advertising costs at current publication rates and sale costs according to the court rules, apply. Registration as Buyer is a pre-requisite subject to further conditions and requirements, *inter alia:* (a) Directive of the Consumer Protection Act 68 of 2008 (URL <http://www.info.gov.za/view/DownloadFileAction?id=99961>) (b) FICA-legislation – proof of identity and address particulars of the Bidder is required. (c) Payment of a registration fee of R10 000,00 (refundable). (d) Registration Conditions. (e) Registration form to be completed before the Auction. **Summary of conditions to payments upon sale:** The purchaser shall pay to the sheriff a deposit of 10% of the purchase price in cash or by way of bank guaranteed cheque on the day of the sale, without set-off or deduction and provide proof of payment to the satisfaction of the Sheriff. The balance shall be paid against the transfer and shall be secured by a guarantee issued by a financial institution approved by the execution creditor or his or her attorney and shall be furnished to the Sheriff within Twenty One (21) days after the date of sale. The property may be taken possession of after signature of the conditions of sale, payment of the deposit and upon the balance of the purchase price being secured in terms of the conditions of sale. Should the purchaser receive possession of the property, the purchaser shall be liable for occupational rental at the rate of 1% of the purchase price per month from date of possession of the property to date of registration. Inspect conditions at **THE SHERIFF DELMAS, 63 RENNIE AVENUE, SUNDRA, VICTOR KHANYE, DELMAS, MPUMALANGA, TEL NO: 082 681 7831**.

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Planting hope: eMalahleni schools take action against pollution

NODICAH FUNDAMA

EMALAHLENI – As South Africa observes Arbor Month, schools and community organisations in eMalahleni are turning environmental awareness into action through a tree-planting initiative aimed at creating greener spaces and encouraging young people to take responsibility for their environment.

The initiative began on Monday, 7 September 2026, at TP Sililo and continued on Thursday, 10 September 2026, at Maloma Secondary School in eMalahleni.

Led by the Kakarambha Foundation in collaboration with Sisonke eMalahleni Service Centre (SESC) Youth, and supported by eMalahleni Local Municipality and other partners, the programme focused on increasing the number of trees in local communities while encouraging learners to become environmental custodians.

The initiative holds particular significance for eMalahleni, a city closely associated with coal mining and energy production. With air pollution remaining an environmental concern, organisers said planting trees was a practical way of contributing towards cleaner and greener communities.

South Africa observes Arbor Month throughout September to raise awareness about the importance of trees and encourage

communities to plant and protect them. Trees play an important environmental role by absorbing carbon dioxide, releasing oxygen, providing shade and helping to reduce dust and air pollution.

For learners at TP Sililo and Maloma Secondary School, these environmental lessons were brought to life through their participation in the tree-planting activities. Thando Masango of the Kakarambha Foundation says the initiative is about creating an environmental legacy that will benefit future generations.

“When we plant a tree, we are not only changing the environment we see today; we are creating cleaner air, shade and a healthier future for the children who will come after us. In a city like eMalahleni, where coal and air pollution are part of our daily reality, every tree we plant is a step towards restoring balance and giving our communities room to breathe.”

The initiative also highlighted that environmental change does not always require large-scale interventions. It can begin with a single tree planted by a learner or community member and nurtured over time. By taking the programme into schools, the Kakarambha Foundation and its partners are also helping to cultivate environmental responsibility among young

people, who will ultimately inherit the consequences of today's environmental decisions. For eMalahleni, where coal has played a major role in shaping the local economy, the initiative offers a different vision for the city's future – one in which environmental

responsibility and greener communities become part of its development. The activities at TP Sililo and Maloma Secondary School have turned Arbor Month from an awareness campaign into a call to action: plant, protect and nurture trees today for a cleaner, greener and healthier eMalahleni tomorrow.



IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA GAUTENG LOCAL DIVISION, JOHANNESBURG CASE NO: 2025/127365

In the matter between:
UMBUTHO INVESTMENT HOLDINGS CC
(REGISTRATION NUMBER: 2008/181564/23) Execution Creditor
and
MOTECH FACILITIES MANAGEMENT (PTY) LTD
(REGISTRATION NUMBER: 2020/891408/07) First Execution Debtor
JONES MORGAN MOKOTLA
(IDENTITY NUMBER: 841124 6370 08 5) Second Execution Debtor

NOTICE OF SALE IN EXECUTION

TAKE NOTE THAT in pursuance of Judgment granted in favor of the Plaintiff on 28 November 2025, the under mentioned case number, movable goods will be sold by the Sheriff of the Court, Delmas on the **07TH day of OCTOBER 2026 at 11h00 at 63 RENNIE AVENUE, SUNDRA, 2200.**

DESCRIPTION OF GOODS:
1 x 910/1000 KVA SDEC POWER SILENT DIESEL GENERATOR SERIAL NUMBER: 21314024

NOTE FURTHERMORE:

- The sale is a sale in execution pursuant to a Judgment obtained in the above Court;
- The rules of this auction are available 24 hours before the sale at the offices of the Sheriff of Delmas, 63 Rennie Avenue, Sundra, 2200;

- Registration as a buyer is a pre-requisite subject to specific conditions, *inter alia*:
 - Directive of the Consumer Protection Act 68 of 2008 (the Regulations – www.info.gov.za The Act – www.acts.co.za
 - FICA – legislation in respect of proof of identity and address particulars;
 - Payment of r egistration fee of R10,000.00 in cash;
 - Registration conditions;
 - EFT – No cheques accepted.

This office of the Sheriff for Delmas will conduct the sale with the Auctioneer Mr I Swart.
DATED AT ALBERTON ON THIS THE 08TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.

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No service: R7 500

FAMILY	18–64	18–74
1+5	R320	R370
1+9	R410	R450
1+13	R450	R550

WHAT WE OFFER

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PLAN C – EXECUTIVE

No service: R8 000

FAMILY	18–64	18–74
1+5	R340	R370
1+9	R440	R470
1+13	R480	R540
1+17	R570	R640

WHAT WE OFFER

Grocery provision included.

On notification R1,000; goat R1,800; cow R5,000; bus R1,000; tent/chairs R500; airtime R200; hearse + family car; programmes, décor and teak quarter view.

PLAN C

No service: R7 500

FAMILY	18–64	18–74
1+5	R300	R330
1+9	R400	R430
1+13	R440	R500
1+17	R530	R600
SINGLE	18–64	65–74
Single	R80	R90

WHAT WE OFFER

Grocery provision included.

On notification R1,000; cow R5,000; bus R1,000; tent/chairs R500; airtime R200; hearse + family car; programmes, décor and teak quarter view.

PLAN D

No service: R5 000

FAMILY	18–64	18–74
1+5	R210	R260
1+9	R280	R310
1+13	R310	R380
1+17	R460	R500

WHAT WE OFFER

Grocery provision included.

Goat R1,800; Cow R5,000; bus R1,000; tent/chairs R500; airtime R200; hearse + 2 family cars; programmes, décor, Standard Dome and tea R1,000.

PLAN E

No service: R2 500

FAMILY	18–64	18–74
1+5	R180	R200
1+9	R220	R270
1+13	R270	R300

WHAT WE OFFER

Grocery provision included.

Removal within 100 km; airtime R200; hearse + family car; programmes and décor; standard coffin; On death notification R500 and tent/chairs R500.

PLAN G

No service: R5 000

FAMILY	18–74 ONLY
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1+9	R300
1+13	R350

WHAT WE OFFER

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Pastor Wish turns music and counselling into a message of hope

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EMAKHAZENI – As a gospel artist, pastor and counsellor, Ashley Nitto Wish Myambo, popularly known as Pastor Wish, has built his journey around one purpose: giving people hope. Pastor Wish is also nominated for Best Gospel Artist/Group at the Nkangala Arts and Music Awards (NkAMA). His journey began in church as a Sunday school singer at Izazi ZaMpumalanga Zion Church under Bishop Mayila. He later joined the choir and eventually became its leader. Between 2008 and 2012, his passion for music saw him become involved in creating a platform that brought choirs from different areas together to compete. He participated with his own team and recorded several victories. In 2016, Pastor Wish took his music further after meeting E. Mashele at S/N Studio, where he recorded his first album, Jesus Uyakhulula. The album received airplay on several radio stations. Two years later, he released Uyangilusa UJesu, which earned him a nomination at the Mpumalanga Gospel Music Awards. In 2020, his persistence paid off when he won Best Gospel Artist at the GAMA Awards. He released the single Hipfune Hosi in 2023 and is currently working towards a new album. But music is only one part of his calling. Pastor Wish also developed a passion for counselling after seeing people struggle with difficult circumstances.

“I started counselling because I have a passion for helping people who are going through difficult situations,” he says. He pursued formal studies in counselling, obtaining a certificate, diploma and later a Bachelor's degree in Counselling. He now offers individual, family, couples and children's counselling, as well as support relating to chronic illness and mental health, and is registered with ASCHP as a wellness counsellor. “I believe that sometimes people do not need someone to judge them. They need someone who is willing to listen, understand and walk with them through the difficult season,” he says. His counselling work has also influenced his music. Through conversations with people experiencing broken relationships, rejection, loss, stress and trauma, he draws inspiration for messages of encouragement and hope. “I want people to hear my songs and feel understood, encouraged and reminded that they can overcome difficult seasons,” he says. His journey has not been without challenges, with the financial demands of recording, producing, promoting and travelling sometimes making it difficult to pursue his ambitions.

“Sometimes you have the vision and the talent, but financial limitations can make the journey difficult,” he says. He finds inspiration in Isaiah 60:22: “When the time is right, I, the Lord, will make it happen.” Pastor Wish hopes to complete and release his new album, reach bigger platforms and compete again at the Mpumalanga Gospel Music Awards. He also hopes to pursue opportunities at the South African Traditional Music Awards (SATMA) and other national

awards. Beyond music, he plans to continue with counselling, ministry and writing. He is also the writer of a drama titled Kurhandza Munhu Switika. His next project is the Healing Night of Worship and Music Experience, scheduled for 16 October 2026, which will bring people together through music, faith and encouragement while building momentum towards his upcoming album. For Pastor Wish, however, success is not measured only by awards, albums or the size of the stages he performs on.

“My greatest desire is for people to know Christ through my voice,” he says. He also encourages people going through difficult times to speak to someone they trust and seek professional help when necessary. “Sometimes speaking about what you are carrying is the first step towards healing,” he says. For Pastor Wish, his purpose remains clear: to use his voice, faith and counselling work to give people hope. “Your story is not over. There is still hope, and there is still a tomorrow.”



Ashley Nitto Wish Myambo, commonly known as Pastor Wish



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