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Thembisile Hani Farmers Market boosts local farmers

EMMANNUEL N MTHIMUNYE

KWAGGAFONTEIN, MTHOMBOMUHLE – Small-scale farmers and entrepreneurs had an opportunity to sell their products directly to customers when Thembisile Hani Local Municipality (THLM) hosted its first Farmers Market of the 2026/27 financial year at the municipal offices in Mthombomuhle on Friday, 30 October 2026.

The market brought local farmers and community members together, giving producers an opportunity to showcase their products, attract customers and sell without relying on intermediaries.

Stalls offered a variety of fresh produce, including tomatoes, potatoes, carrots, eggs and other agricultural products, as residents came out to support local businesses.

The initiative forms part of the municipality's Local Economic Development (LED) strategy, aimed at improving market access for small-scale farmers, supporting small businesses and encouraging women and young people to pursue agriculture as a business.

Among the exhibitors was young farmer Zaza Letsholo, who welcomed the municipality's efforts to create opportunities for local producers.

Speaking to ***Highveld Chronicle***, Letsholo said the market was helping farmers grow their businesses while contributing to the local economy.

"As farmers, we are very grateful for what the municipality is doing by creating such expos so that we can come and showcase our products. By doing so, we are growing, and that is local economic development. That is pillar number five of Thembisile Hani Municipality in developing the economy of our society."

"We are very grateful to be in such a space where people can interact with us, create network contacts with us, and buy our products."

Letsholo also spoke about the challenges of being a young woman in the agricultural sector, which she described as male-dominated.

"As a young entrepreneur and farmer, being a lady in this industry is not easy because it is a male-dominated industry. But if you strive to do your best and do what you love, everything will flourish."

Beyond selling their products, farmers used the market to connect with potential buyers, exchange contacts and share ideas on farming, pricing, packaging and marketing.

Municipal officials who attended the event said the market would not be a once-off initiative, with more farmers' markets planned throughout the financial year to help local producers reach more customers and grow their businesses.

Residents also welcomed the initiative, saying it made fresh produce more accessible while supporting local farmers.

Through the programme, the municipality hopes to strengthen local agriculture, create business opportunities and encourage more women and young people to enter the farming sector.





Zaza Letsholo, founder of ABM Farming Dreams, showcases fresh farm produce at the Thembisile Hani Farmers Market held in Mthombomuhle, Kwaggafontein, on 30 October 2026. The market provided local farmers with an opportunity to promote their products and connect with potential customers.

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

SPIRITUAL CIRCLE

The Tune of Self-Interest

By Pastor Chuck Swindoll

Here is my advice: It would be good for you to finish what you started a year ago. Last year you were the first who wanted to give, and you were the first to begin doing it. Now you should finish what you started. Let the eagerness you showed in the beginning be matched now by your giving. Give in proportion to what you have. (2 Corinthians 8:10–11)

A full year before the apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthian church, they had begun a project. No doubt they were filled with enthusiasm, the thrill of a fresh beginning. But with the passing of time, the newness had worn off. The spontaneous motivation to give had turned into a miserable marathon that dragged slowly on and on. So Paul urged them with a reminder of their commitment:This is to your advantage, who were the first to begin a year ago not only to do this, but also to desire to do it. But now finish doing it also, so that just as there was the readiness to desire it, so there may be also the completion of it by your ability. (2 Corinthians 8:10–11 NASB 1995)

Paul said, in effect, "Get with it! You made a commitment to get involved, to give, and to help out—now stick with that commitment!"

Becoming a giving person sounds exciting. But it costs something. It demands change, and no significant change ever got started without motivation and zeal.

Want a vivid illustration? Dieting. Oh, just the word brings up painful memories! Especially when I add exercising and jogging. Who hasn't had the experience? We finally get sick and tired of our flab. Zippers start ripping out; buttons pop off; the car leans dangerously to one side when we get in; the scales we step on punch out little cards that say, "Only one person at a time, please."

Okay, so we decide to thin down. In the fresh enthusiasm of zeal, we buy $100 sneakers, a couple $85 jogging outfits; we join a local fitness center (another $350); and we blow the dust off that miserable "Count Those Calories" booklet we bought years ago. We just know we're going to peel off thirty pounds!

The very first day we start with a flash. We hit the road, running like we're on fire. We drop our intake to 700 calories a day. We choke down dry toast, cottage cheese, sliced tomatoes, and boiled eggs! We snack on stuff that tastes like canary mix, and we sip on bitter herb tea until we think we're going to gag. By the third day, we're so sore we can only trot a half a block . . . so we get up later. Then Thanksgiving brings too many temptations, so we fudge . . . and finally gorge. In less than a month, our blimp is back in the hangar. And when the urge to exercise comes over us, we just lie down quietly until the urge goes away.

Sticking with any commitment is costly. And I can assure you, becoming a servant who gives and gives and gives to others is no exception. By comparison, it will make dieting look like a piece of cake (no pun intended).

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'Until Jesus comes back' — ANC's political dominance threatened in Nkangala

ANC loses outright majorities across Nkangala as coalition talks loom

LUCAS SHONGWE

NKANGALA – For years, the African National Congress (ANC) governed most municipalities in Nkangala with outright majorities. But following the 2026 Local Government Elections, seat allocations show that the party has lost that dominance, leaving all six local municipalities facing coalition negotiations.

Former President Jacob Zuma once told ANC supporters that the party would rule until Jesus came back. He was also reported to have said that voting for the ANC meant choosing heaven.

In Nkangala, where the party had long enjoyed strong electoral support, that confidence appeared difficult to challenge. The latest election results, however, tell a different story.

In Steve Tshwete, where the council was already hung after the previous election, the political balance has shifted further. Although the Democratic Alliance (DA) received more votes overall, the ANC emerged as the largest party in the 58-seat council with 19 seats, all won through ward elections. The DA secured 16 seats, including eight wards and eight proportional representation (PR) seats, while the uMkhonto weSizwe Party (MK Party) received five seats, all through PR.

With 30 seats needed for a majority, the ANC remains the largest party in council despite trailing the DA in total votes. Neither party can govern alone, leaving smaller parties, including the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF), in a position to influence coalition negotiations.

In eMalahleni, the ANC has also lost ground, securing 23 of the municipality's 71 council seats, all through ward victories. The DA follows with 17 seats, comprising 10 wards and seven PR seats, while the MK Party secured 10 seats, including one ward and nine PR seats. With 36 seats needed for a majority, the ANC remains the largest party but is 13 seats short of governing alone.

In Victor Khanye, the ANC's loss of its outright majority has been accompanied by the emergence of the Service Delivery Party (SDP), led by former ANC leader Thabo Motau, as the largest party in the new council. The SDP secured seven of the municipality's 17 seats, including five wards and two PR seats, while the ANC follows with five seats, comprising three wards and two PR seats.

The DA and Our Last Hope each secured two seats. The DA won one ward and one PR seat, while Our Last Hope received both seats through PR. With nine seats required for a majority, the SDP needs the support of at least two more councillors to govern.

A similar picture has emerged in eMakhazeni, where the ANC secured seven of the municipality's 15 seats, all through ward elections. The DA follows with three seats, including one ward and two PR seats, while the EFF and several smaller parties each secured one seat. The ANC is just one seat short of the eight required for a majority, giving smaller parties a potentially decisive role in determining who governs.

In Thembisile Hani, the ANC won all 33 wards but still fell short of an outright majority in the 66-seat council. The DA follows with nine PR seats, while the EFF and MK Party each secured five PR seats, without winning any wards. Despite its clean sweep of ward contests, the ANC needs one additional seat to reach the 34 required for a majority.

In Dr JS Moroka, the ANC secured 29 of the municipality's 62 seats, including 28 wards and one PR seat. The DA and EFF each secured six seats. The DA received all its seats through PR, while the EFF won one ward and five PR seats. Two wards were also won by independent candidates, leaving the ANC three seats short of the 32 needed for a majority.

One of the most striking features of the results is that the ANC received no additional PR seats in four municipalities: Steve Tshwete, eMalahleni, eMakhazeni and Thembisile Hani.

This does not mean the party received no PR votes. Under the municipal electoral system, ward victories are taken into account when determining a party's overall seat allocation. Where a party has already won enough wards to meet or exceed its calculated entitlement, it may receive no additional PR seats.

The results show that although the ANC continues to perform strongly in ward contests, including winning every ward in Thembisile Hani, those victories have not been enough to give it outright control of the councils. Opposition parties, meanwhile, have gained representation through PR seats, even in areas where they won few or no wards.

The results also suggest that voters have not moved collectively towards one opposition party. Instead, support has been spread across the DA, SDP, MK Party and smaller political organisations, making coalition arrangements a central issue in the formation of the new councils. For residents, however, the prospect of coalition government does not necessarily inspire confidence.

Thumelo Mashaba told Highveld Chronicle that he does not trust the ANC to lead a coalition government. "I do not trust the ANC leading a coalition government. Look in Steve Tshwete, we had an ANC mayor but things deteriorated to worse. I think it will be better to have a different party leading the coalition government," Mashaba said. Sammy Seremuletse was even more sceptical about coalition governments themselves.

"Coalition governments have never worked. What we have observed so far is political parties blaming each other for service delivery failures. No one wants to take responsibility," Seremuletse said.

Their concerns reflect a broader question facing the incoming municipal administrations: whether parties that must now share power can work together while remaining accountable for service delivery.

Residents will be looking for improvements in water supply, road infrastructure, electricity provision and other basic municipal services, regardless of which parties form the governing coalitions. The ANC may still emerge as a leading partner in some of Nkangala's coalition arrangements, but the seat allocations show that it will have to negotiate and secure support from other parties rather than govern alone. The challenge for all parties will be to turn their electoral support into stable administrations that can deliver on the needs of communities.



ANC Nkangala Regional Chairperson Jonas Boshomane poses for a photograph after casting his vote in the 2026 Local Government Elections.



Voters brave the scorching heat as they queue to cast their ballots at Vezimfundo voting station in Victor Khanye during the 2026 Local Government Elections.











SDP wins five wards in Victor Khanye as party makes its mark across Mpumalanga

RODNEY HLATSHWAYO

DELMAS – The Service Delivery Party (SDP) has emerged as the largest party in Victor Khanye Local Municipality after winning five of the municipality's nine wards in the 2026 Local Government Elections, ending the African National Congress's (ANC) outright majority in the council.

Formed on 10 January 2026, the SDP contested its first local government elections on 4 November, making a significant breakthrough in Victor Khanye while also securing representation in municipalities across Mpumalanga.

The party won Wards 3, 4, 5, 7 and 9 in Victor Khanye, while the ANC retained Wards 1, 2 and 6. The Democratic Alliance (DA) secured Ward 8.

Following the allocation of proportional representation (PR) seats, the SDP emerged with seven of the municipality's 17 council seats, comprising five ward and two PR seats.

The ANC follows with five seats, including three ward and two PR seats. Our Last Hope (OLH) and the DA each secured two seats, while the Freedom Front Plus (FF Plus) received one seat.

Despite emerging as the largest party, the SDP is two seats short of the nine needed for an outright majority, meaning it will need support from other parties to govern.

According to the Electoral Commission of South Africa (IEC) results, the SDP received 39.53% support in Victor Khanye, its strongest electoral performance in Mpumalanga.

The party also made inroads in the other five local municipalities within Nkangala District, although its support was considerably lower than in Victor Khanye.

In eMalahleni, the SDP secured four council seats with 4.77% support, while in Thembisile Hani it obtained three seats with 4.82% of the vote.

The party also secured three seats in Dr JS Moroka with 4.84% support, two seats in Steve Tshwete with 3.56%, and one seat in eMakhazeni with 6.52%.

These results give the SDP a total of 20 seats across Nkangala's six local municipalities, with Victor Khanye accounting for seven of them.

Although the party did not emerge as the leading political organisation in the other five municipalities, its representation gives it a voice in councils where political parties are expected to negotiate over the formation of new administrations.

Beyond Nkangala, the SDP also secured representation in several municipalities across Mpumalanga.

Its second-highest percentage of support was recorded in Dipaleseng, where it obtained 12.48% and one council seat, followed by Chief Albert Luthuli with 8.11% and four seats.

In the City of Mbombela, the party secured eight seats with 8.14% support, its highest number of seats in any municipality in the province.

Other results included three seats in Govan Mbeki, two in Lekwa, and one each in Msukaligwa, Mkhondo, Thaba Chweu, Nkomazi and Bushbuckridge.

The party secured no seat in Dr Pixley Ka Isaka Seme despite receiving 1.9% support.

Across Mpumalanga, the SDP secured 172,151 votes, representing 5.22% of all valid ward, proportional representation (PR) and district council ballots combined. The party reportedly finished fifth in the province in terms of municipal council seats, securing a total of 43 seats.

The figures include 58,526 ward votes, 57,687 PR votes and 55,938 district council votes.

The results suggest that while Victor Khanye has emerged as the SDP's strongest political base, the party has managed to establish a presence beyond the municipality where it recorded its biggest breakthrough.

Celebrating its performance in a statement shared on Facebook, the SDP described its journey from formation to contesting elections across all nine provinces as a major achievement.

"From 10 January 2026 to 4 November 2026, this is a massive achievement," the party said.

"In less than 10 months, SDP went from being formed to contesting its first Local Government Elections in all nine provinces. That is no small achievement. SDP is more than ready for 2029."

The results also drew reactions from residents, with some welcoming the party's performance amid concerns over service delivery.

Commenting on ***Highveld Chronicle's*** Facebook page, Emile Rademeyer said: "For a new party they are doing good. We are gatvol for bad service."

The publication approached the SDP for comment on its electoral performance and plans for Victor Khanye.

The party indicated that it would be available to respond after Monday, 9 November, once the IEC had completed the vote-counting process.

With no party holding an outright majority in Victor Khanye, attention now turns to negotiations over who will lead the municipality.

The new council will elect its speaker and executive mayor at its first sitting, with the outcome likely to depend on agreements between the parties represented in council.

For the SDP, which was formed less than a year before the elections, the results mark an important political breakthrough, not only in Victor Khanye but across Mpumalanga.

However, its biggest test will be whether it can turn its electoral support into meaningful influence in municipal councils and, particularly in Victor Khanye, contribute to an administration capable of addressing residents' service delivery concerns.



SDP National Coordinator Thabo Motau shares his experience after casting his vote at Phaphamani Secondary School in Botleng, Delmas, during the 2026 Local Government Elections.







MTPA warns no plant can keep snakes away

LUCAS SHONGWE

MPUMALANGA – The Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA) has warned residents against relying on plants or traditional remedies to keep snakes away from their homes as rising temperatures bring increased snake activity across the province.

The agency said it would continue educating communities about snake safety following a media statement issued on 20 October 2026, urging residents to remain vigilant during the warmer months.

Responding to follow-up questions from Highveld Chronicle, MTPA spokesperson Simphiwe Shungube said snakes are found throughout Mpumalanga, although the species vary from one area to another.

Shungube confirmed that the agency has more than 30 snake catchers registered on its database.

"These snake catchers are located across the province and are available to assist communities whenever their services are required," he said.

Addressing the belief that certain plants or traditional remedies can repel snakes, the MTPA said there is no scientific evidence that any plant or remedy can reliably prevent snakes from entering residential properties.

Instead, residents are encouraged to keep their yards clean and remove potential hiding places for snakes.

The agency also warned against using traditional remedies to treat snakebites, urging anyone bitten by a snake to seek medical attention immediately.

"In the event of a snakebite, community members are strongly advised to seek immediate medical attention at the nearest hospital rather than relying on traditional remedies. They should not delay seeking emergency medical assistance," Shungube said.

The MTPA said it would continue raising awareness about snake safety while encouraging communities to protect snakes, which play an important role in maintaining ecological balance.

However, the agency left several questions from ***Highveld Chronicle*** unanswered.

These included the number of snake sightings and bites reported since the beginning of the spring and summer season, and how the figures compare with the same period in 2025.

The MTPA also did not provide details on which districts have recorded the highest snake activity, which species are most commonly found in residential areas, or how residents can request assistance from registered snake catchers and how long they can expect to wait.

Questions about possible charges for snake-catching services, hospitals and clinics with antivenom, and tourist destinations where visitors should exercise extra caution also remained unanswered.



Family demands answers after decomposing body found in locked room in Lynnville

NODICAH FUNDAMA

EMALAHLENI – The family of 29-year-old Kedibone Sigudu is demanding justice after her decomposing body was found inside a rented room in Lynnville, KwaGuqa, eMalahleni, on Wednesday, 4 November 2026.

The discovery was made after the landlord reportedly noticed a foul smell coming from the locked room occupied by Sigudu's boyfriend.

With the help of the boyfriend's brother, the landlord allegedly forced open the burglar gate and door, where they discovered Sigudu's body.

Community members alleged that Sigudu had been assaulted by her boyfriend since Saturday, 31 October. They claimed she was last seen alive on Sunday, 1 November, with visible bruises around her eyes.

Some residents also claimed they heard her crying during the night before the cries eventually stopped.

According to information the landlord reportedly gave police, Sigudu's boyfriend was last seen on Tuesday, 3 November, at around 08:00, when he locked the burglar gate and left the premises. He allegedly never returned.

The following morning, the landlord became concerned about the smell coming from the room and sought help to gain access.

After opening the door, the smell became stronger, prompting her to contact the police.

Police reportedly found Sigudu's body lying on a grey couch, covered with a floral blanket and grey sheet. The body was already in an advanced state of decomposition.

Sigudu's sister, Thuli Phike, said the family was struggling to come to terms with her death and wanted those responsible to be brought to justice. The family is now seeking answers about what happened to Sigudu in the days leading up to the discovery of her body.

Police have registered an inquest at Vosman police station to establish the circumstances surrounding her death.

No arrests had been made at the time of publication.



The late Kedibone Sigudu IMAGE: Supplied



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"S'tjhaba sika baba ngithokoza ukuphumelela kwenu ngobunengi kangaka, angeze ngaleya amala, iqiniso lihle ngithukiwe kodwana nginethemba bona ngizoyi bamba itjhisa ngombana sele ingakimi kadesi iNtonga yobukhosi le, yeke ngibawa bona ningifukamele, begodu ningi fundise koke ekufuzeke ngikwazi njenge Kosi esese mumuntu omutjha, ubaba wangitjhiya ngoku phazima kwelihlo kodwana okuhle kukuthi wangitjhiya ezandleni ezilungileko langiphephe khona.

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UNdabezitha, uMahlangu ungeze ngokuthi kuqakathekile bona iminyanya yamagugu igidingwe ngombana kula abantu bakwazi ukuveza khona imvelaphi yabo

"Kuqakatheke khulu bona sigidinge iminyanya yamagugu, ngombana kula abantu bakwazi ukuveza imvelaphi yabo, kanye nokukhombisa ibumbano, nangesithi uyatjheja namhlanje kuhlangene Ndzundza no Manala ngaphasi komthunzi munye

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"Esikhathini sanamhlanje kunzima khulu ukuzikhangisa nawumvumi osakhasako yeke ukuba yincenye yeminyanya efana nale kudlala indima ekulu khulu, kithi abavumi abasazakhela ibizo ngoba, sithola amathuba wokuzi veza nokuzi khangisa, ukuze nathi sifane nabo Sonkingana, naboWara, kanye nabanye abavumi abakhulu emkhakheni lo wekoro yomvumo wesintu, yeke kungakho iminyanya efana nale siyithathela phezulu ngoba iyasikhulisa begodu iyasi buthelela."

Abantu beba phelele babahle ngevunulo, begodu bazi khakhazisa ngemvelaphi yabo neskhabo, kwaMakerana.



IKosi uMoses Sonkalana ll Mabena



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Perfume Co. Africa empowers women and youth through entrepreneurship

ESTHER MAHLANGU

MIDDELBURG – The Perfume Co. Africa brought together independent business leaders, managers and directors for its second annual Sales and Leadership Summit, aimed at strengthening entrepreneurship, developing leadership skills and creating economic opportunities for women and young people.

The summit, held from 30 October to 2 November 2026 at Olifants River Lodge in Middelburg, gave participants an opportunity to sharpen their business skills, share experiences and explore ways to grow their businesses.

According to the company's CEO, Bathabile Moreki, the summit was introduced to address the need for leadership development as its network of independent distributors continued to grow.

"As our distribution network grew, we saw that many people who were good at selling were also being called on to lead teams. Those are two different skills. We started the summit to give our managers and directors time to work on those leadership skills and learn from one another," Moreki said.

She said the programme focused on sales, leadership and team development, helping participants improve customer relationships while learning how to manage and motivate their teams.

Moreki also highlighted the importance of self-leadership, echoing a message shared by Moekoa Karabo during the summit: "Leadership starts with you."

The summit also focused on creating business opportunities for women and young people through the company's independent distribution network, where individuals can sell fragrance products and build their own customer base.

Moreki said the opportunity was not only about earning an income but also gaining practical business experience.

"Learning how to speak to a customer, track what you spend and follow up after a sale gives you experience you can carry into other areas of business," she explained.

For participant Nombulelo Thibile, the summit was another milestone in her entrepreneurial journey.

After previously working in a shop, she decided to start selling perfumes despite criticism and difficult working conditions.

Thibile recalled spending her days selling perfumes on the streets without a gazebo, working from Monday to Saturday while exposed to the sun, rain and dust.

Despite being laughed at and discouraged, she refused to give up on her business.

She said joining the company had changed her life, allowing her to move from a small back room into a bigger home, buy furniture and travel to places such as Dubai and Durban.

Business and strategy coach Ntando Maseko encouraged participants to learn from successful entrepreneurs rather than relying only on their own methods.

"Do not become so attached to your own methods that you close yourself off to new ideas. Study those who have already succeeded, ask questions and learn from their experiences," Maseko said.

Skills development practitioner and leadership coach Lesego Tau also challenged participants to examine how they lead, make decisions and take responsibility for their business growth.

"Leadership is not about what you demand from your team, but what you demonstrate through your own actions. As leaders, we must be willing to examine ourselves, take responsibility and lead by example," Tau said.

Away from the training sessions, participants had an opportunity to network, build relationships and take part in recreational activities.

Looking ahead, Moreki said she wanted to see more women and young people grow from independent sellers into established business owners who could also mentor others.

"I want to see more women and young people who start out selling our products go on to run established businesses and develop other entrepreneurs," she said.

Through the annual summit, The Perfume Co. Africa hopes to equip its distributors with the skills and confidence to grow their businesses while creating more opportunities for women and young people to participate in the economy.



The Perfume Co. Africa CEO Bathabile Moreki joins managers, directors and independent business leaders for a group photo during the company's second annual Sales and Leadership Summit, held at Olifants River Lodge in Middelburg from 30 October to 2 November 2026.





Mabethe and Masuku murder case postponed to 20 November

RODNEY HLATSHWAYO

DELMAS – The murder case against Mthokozisi Mabethe and Xolani Masuku, accused of killing Sibongiseni Sithole, has been postponed to 20 November 2026 for a pre-trial conference at the Delmas Regional Court.

Both accused remain in custody as the State and defence prepare for trial.

During their latest court appearance, the defence confirmed receiving the necessary legal documents and case dockets from the State. The postponement will allow the legal representatives to consult further with their clients, finalise instructions and address outstanding matters before the pre-trial conference.

Sphiwe Sithole, the deceased's mother, told Highveld Chronicle that she remained hopeful her son would get justice.

"My son will get justice," she said.

Background to the case

The case dates back to June 2023, when Sibongiseni Sithole was allegedly murdered in Delmas.

His body was reportedly found the following morning, with reports indicating that he had been stabbed.

Police launched an investigation, but the case was later reopened following the discovery of additional evidence and witness statements.

Masuku was arrested in Tweefontein on 21 May 2026, while Mabethe handed himself over to police in Delmas the following day, 22 May.

Both accused made their first appearance at the Delmas Magistrate's Court on 25 May 2026 without legal representation and indicated their intention to apply for Legal Aid.

The matter was postponed to allow them to secure legal representation.

On 15 June 2026, the court denied both accused bail, and they remained in custody.

The case was later transferred to the Delmas Regional Court in July 2026.

Since then, it has been postponed several times to allow the prosecution and defence to prepare for trial.



Notice – Victor Khanye Local Municipality

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 99 to 101 of the Victor Khanye Local Municipality Spatial Planning and Land Use Management By-Law, 2015

I, Mr Mzwokuthula Hlungwane of MPYL Urban Planning Consultants have submitted an application to Victor Khanye Local Municipality on behalf of Leeuwpoort Beleggings (Pty) Ltd in terms of Section 66 and 67 of the Victor Khanye Spatial Planning and Land Use Management By-Law 2015, read with the provisions of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act (Act 16 Of 2013) for the rezoning of Portion 4 of The Farm Leeuwpoort 205 IR for the purpose "quarrying and mining".

The particulars of the application are available for inspection from the date of this notice, and any objections and representations can be submitted to Victor Khanye Local Municipality during normal working hours. Representations may be addressed to Ms. C Mabena at The Town Planning and Land Use Management Section at – Cnr Samuel Road and Van De Walt Street, Delmas, 2210. Tel 013 004 1300. Representations may also be addressed to the Nkangala District Municipal Planning and Economic Development Section and the applicant at mpylurbanplanning@outlook.com or tel. 067 062 6218.

Kennisgewing – Victor Khanye Plaaslike Munisipaliteit

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikels 99 tot 101 van die Victor Khanye Plaaslike Munisipaliteit se Verordening op Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruikbestuur, 2015.

Ek, mnr. Mzwokuthula Hlungwane van MPYL Urban Planning Consultants, het namens Leeuwpoort Beleggings (Pty) Ltd 'n aansoek by die Victor Khanye Plaaslike Munisipaliteit ingedien ingevolge Artikels 66 en 67 van die Victor Khanye-verordening op Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruikbestuur, 2015, saamgelees met die bepalings van die Wet op Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruikbestuur (Wet 16 van 2013), vir die hersonering van Gedeelte 4 van die plaas Leeuwpoort 205 IR vir die doel van "steengroef- en mynbouaktiwiteite". Besonderhede van die aansoek is vanaf die datum van hierdie kennisgewing beskikbaar vir insae, en enige besware en vertoë kan tydens normale werksure by die Victor Khanye Plaaslike Munisipaliteit ingedien word. Vertoë kan gerig word aan me. C Mabena by die Afdeling vir Stadsbeplanning en Grondgebruikbestuur te – h/v Samuelweg en Van De Waltstraat, Delmas, 2210. Tel. 013 004 1300. Vertoë kan ook gerig word aan die Nkangala-distriksmunisipaliteit se Afdeling vir Beplanning en Ekonomiese Ontwikkeling, sowel as aan die aansoeker by mpylurbanplanning@outlook.com of tel. 067 062 6218.

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Youngsters FC crowned Thembisile Hani Top 16 champions

EMMANNUEL N MTHIMUNYE

GUGULETHU, BUHLEBESIZWE 2 – Youngsters FC were crowned champions of the Thembisile Hani Top 16 Tournament by Shakes Rotating after defeating Global FC 2-0 in the final held at Gugulethu Sports Ground in Buhlebesizwe 2 on Sunday, 1 November 2026.

After a goalless first half, Youngsters FC broke the deadlock in the second half before adding another goal to secure the victory.

Global FC pushed for a comeback, but Youngsters FC stood firm at the back, denying their opponents a chance to get back into the game.

The final drew supporters from both teams, who created a lively atmosphere as they cheered on their players.

Beyond the action on the field, the tournament also brought business opportunities for local traders selling food, drinks and other products to spectators.

Speaking to ***Highveld Chronicle***, Nkangala District Municipal Manager Lucas Mahlangu said tournaments such as these were helping to boost the township economy while bringing communities together.

"These rotating tournaments are boosting our township economy because people come here in numbers. They sell food, they sell water, some even sell craft products so that people can buy and enjoy themselves," Mahlangu said.

He also welcomed the tournament's role in keeping young people involved in sport and away from substance abuse.

"What we appreciate most about this tournament is that it brings people together with one mindset, and it keeps our children away from substances that can affect them physically and mentally and ruin their future or career, substances like drugs."

Mahlangu said community sporting activities were important in nurturing young talent and encouraging children to pursue positive activities.

"Being part of this initiative shows that there is an element in the community that needs to be regenerated, for our kids to participate in sport or in any other activities that will help in grooming them. We therefore appreciate the Shakes Rotating Tournament for bringing people together to enjoy with one spirit, and for grooming our young boys into becoming professional footballers."

The tournament, hosted by Thembisile Warriors, brought together football supporters, local businesses and young players, highlighting the role community sport can play in bringing people together and creating economic opportunities.



Youngsters FC pose for a team photo in front of a banner reading "One Love Will Keep Us Together" during the Shakes Rotating Tournament at Gugulethu Sports Ground.



Small traders sell grilled meat and boerewors to supporters at Gugulethu Sports Ground during the Shakes Rotating Tournament, benefiting from the business opportunities created by the event







