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Editors's Corner



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From the editor's corner: The dawn of an unstoppable era!

As we step boldly into this new era, Polokwane Municipality is catapulting into a future of unmatched excellence, spectacular innovation, and groundbreaking service delivery.

The echoes of our triumphs are reverberating across the entire global stage! [2, 4] Under the visionary, grounded stewardship of our Executive Mayor, Cllr Makoro John Mpe, Polokwane has transformed into an epicenter of visible progress and tangible delivery.

Actions speak louder than words, and the proof of the pudding is truly in the eating. Behold the magnificent victories we have engineered just in the opening

act of this financial year. The "City of Stars" has officially cemented its status as the continent's premium sports hub! We proudly hosted the 2026 African Junior Tennis Championships, welcoming Africa's elite young talent to our world-class, newly upgraded tennis facilities. Closer to home, we celebrated the immortality of our local road-running legends at the iconic New Peter Mokaba Stadium, honoring the legendary 84-year-old octogenarian Johannes "Ntate" Mosehla for conquering the gruelling 2026 Comrades Marathon. champions!

Behind the scenes of these monumental victories and others is an administrative engine

operating at peak performance. Our Chief Operations Officer, Ms Babalwa Mosomane guided by the City Manager Ms Thuso Nemugumoni, has taken leadership out of the boardroom and onto the frontlines, putting her shoulder to the wheel with explosive, cluster-wide interventions to ensure that our service delivery is decentralized, impactful, and radically efficient from the streets to the clusters.

To sustain this ferocious momentum, an elite institution requires elite minds. It is our absolute privilege to announce a high-caliber reinforcement to our communications and strategic machinery.

We extend a thunderous, royal welcome to Mr Willy Mosoma, who steps into the arena as our new Assistant Manager: Media and Stakeholder Relations. With his expertise, our engagement with the public, media, and key stakeholders will scale unprecedented heights of transparency and synergy.

Equally, we are thrilled to welcome on board Mr Thabo Maleka, our new Research and Information Officer dealing with graphics and multimedia. Mr Maleka will be the creative architect weaponizing our data, bringing our visual narratives, digital aesthetics, and multimedia communications into the ultra-modern age of information.

As Executive Mayor Mpe so profoundly stated, "A united team is the ultimate foundation of a successful institution." With our internal municipal choir and soccer teams freshly equipped for dominance, and our new communication colleagues officially on board, our united front is entirely unbreakable.

The trajectory is locked, the engine is roaring, and our destination is absolute greatness. Read on, be inspired, and marvel at the unstoppable rise of your municipality.

Visible Progress. Tangible Delivery. The Smart City Awakes!

Executive Mayor's Desk



Executive Mayor of the City of Polokwane, Cllr Makoro John Mpe

A message from Executive Mayor

One of the renowned pan-Africanist and an intellectual, Amilcar Cabral once wrote, "Tell no lies, Claim no easy Victories".

This is a direct reference to what we have become as the City of Polokwane. It is common knowledge that as the municipality, we are conquerors. This is mainly because, we have entered the era of rolling out massive infrastructure and service delivery projects.

The construction currently taking place across the length and the breadth of our municipality, is a testimony that we are neither telling lies nor claiming easy victories.

We are cementing our position in the local government sphere, as the centre of economic development and service delivery excellence. Indeed, we are development oriented.

Recently, we have managed to

conquer the world by winning the most precious innovation award. I refer to the 2026 Geographic Information Systems award, conferred to us by the Esir User Conference, in Los Angeles, United States of America. This signifies our commitment to be part of the world's evolution into the Fourth Industrial Revolution, 4IR. Congratulations are in order to all the employees who contributed to this achievement.

Additionally, the South African Magazine.com, has placed us at number three (3), regarding performance rankings in the country. We follow the City of Cape Town and the City of Tshwane. I am pleased that all other metropolitan municipalities are behind us in terms of their rankings. We are conscious of the enormous achievements made; however, we know that more still needs to be done.

In the same wavelength, I am pleased to report that, in August 2026, we officially handed over a massive water reticulation project to residents of Phofu village, Ga-Matlala. This milestone achievement, ensures that households and businesses which experienced water scarcity for the past years, are now having access to running water at both rdp standard and in their yards. We are proud indeed.

Similarly, I am more pleased that during the month of September 2026, we successfully hosted the Minister of Water and Sanitation, Ms Pemmy Majodina, during the official hand over of the state-of-the-art Seshego Water Treatment Plant. Having officially commissioned the plant in 2024, we have ensured that water scarcity in Seshego is a thing of the past. What remains currently is to ensure that we preserve water as a scarce natural resource, prevent illegal connections and sustain uninterrupted supply.

As if this is not enough, I am still astonished and filled with profound joy and happiness. This emanates from the singular

honour that I felt when officially launching the 'rural waste management programme'. This historic milestone took place here in Polokwane in September 2026. For the first time in the history of our municipality, waste will be collected at all our villages.

From Moletjie, Aganang, Molepo/Chuene/Maja, Mankweng and Sebayeng/Dikgale, waste will be collected accordingly. It is in this context that we are consolidating our resolve as a cleaner municipality.

Added to that, we successfully hosted the African continent. This happened during the all Africa Leaders Tourism Summit at Meropa Casino in September 2026. Key take-aways for me, were the remarks of the Deputy Minister of Tourism in Namibia, Anselm Marungu who said, and I quote: "When I learnt that this Conference will be held in Polokwane, I thought we were visiting a desert filled with wildlife experience. I never thought about Polokwane as this clean and developed city. At the time of my arrival here, I was astonished to see this beautiful place. Given an opportunity, Polokwane will be my preferred destination of choice".

I am more and more encouraged by statements like these, particularly, when they are made by neutral persons. Therefore, these sentiments are a challenge to me and all of us. They mean we must ensure a developed City of Polokwane. They mean we must maintain a clean City of Polokwane. They mean we have achieved immeasurable progress, but more still needs to be done.

Regarding roads rehabilitation and roads construction projects, words fail me here. Ranging from the 45 inner-city streets rehabilitation to the new roads covering all our clusters, I am very much honored indeed. To put cherry on top, Limpopo Premier, Dr Phophi Ramathuba joined me and the entire leadership collective, for a project visit. Under

the leadership of the Premier, we were privileged to witness first hand, the significant progress made within the city, and the massive road project from Paledi Mall to the University of Limpopo.

For this and all other successes, I wish to take this opportunity and applaud all Councilors, administration led by City Manager, Ms Nemugumoni, and the residents of Polokwane. I thank all of you for your immense cooperation and dedication towards the development of our municipality.

In the same spirit, please allow me to add more praise to my hard-working employees for another job well done. Through the due indulgence of the City Manager of course, I praise the Executive Directors and all who contributed to the timely submissions of the Annual Financial Statements to the Auditor General of South Africa. What is more intrinsic is the fact that, the AFS were prepared internally, by the most qualified and experienced employees of Polokwane Municipality. To all of you, I say Bravo Bravo.

Lastly, given my new responsibility as the head Coach of the City of Polokwane soccer team, I am elated with our previous match against Blouberg Municipality. As the Stars of

Polokwane, we walloped them 7-1, although being one man down. I dedicate this win to the late Mr Thabo Makunyane. In his honour, we named the Ext 44 stadium under him. And in his loving memory, we won the first match.

Lastly, as the new Head Coach of the City of Polokwane Soccer Team, I am delighted by our 7-1 victory over Blouberg Municipality, achieved despite playing one man down. I dedicate this emphatic win to the late Mr Thabo Makunyane, in whose honour we named the Extension 44 Stadium. What a fitting tribute that our first match there ended with the Stars of Polokwane shining brightly - seven goals to one. May his memory continue to inspire us to play with unity, courage and determination.

In conclusion, always bear in mind that the people are not fighting for ideas, for the things in anyone's head. They are fighting to win material benefits, to live better and in peace, to see their lives go forward, to guarantee the future of their children.

I thank you.

Cllr Makoro John Mpe
Executive Mayor
City of Polokwane



Executive Mayor, Cllr Makoro John Mpe

City Manager's Note



Polokwane City Manager, Ms. Thuso Nemugumoni

A note from the City Manager: Administrative integrity and fiscal fidelity

The commencement of the 2026/27 financial year has demanded an exceptional trajectory of administrative fortitude, operational agility, and heightened stakeholder synergy. As we navigate and conclude the opening quarter of this fiscal cycle, we have operated under an accelerated momentum, defined by a rigorous portfolio of strategic interventions, infrastructure milestones, and socio-economic governance initiatives.

At the absolute zenith of our recent administrative achievements stands a profound victory for corporate governance and fiscal discipline: the successful compilation, finalisation, and timeous submission of the Annual Financial Statements (AFS).

In the realm of public sector economics, institutional excellence is measured by a firm adherence to legislative frameworks, statutory deadlines, and uncompromising transparency. The flawless,

on-time delivery of the AFS is a definitive proof to the robust internal controls and regulatory compliance embedded within our administration.

I wish to extend my highest commendations and profound gratitude to the entire Municipal Team whose tireless execution, technical expertise, and collective resolve ensured this monumental milestone. Through your meticulous diligence, Polokwane Municipality continues to exemplify the core tenets of good governance, proving that administrative integrity remains the bedrock upon which our institutional credibility is built. You have safeguarded our reputational equity and fortified the administrative systems that underpin our city's developmental agenda.

The sheer velocity of this first quarter has been vividly demonstrated by the extensive, high-impact activities we have already executed across our municipal clusters. Far from static bureaucratisation, our leadership has actively taken to the frontline to enforce decentralized service delivery such as comprehensive, cluster-wide administrative interventions led by our Chief Operations Officer meticulously auditing operational performance; high-level oversight and completion of critical water treatment systems like the Seshego Hybrid Facility and the Molepo Water Treatment Plant; and our spatial technology capabilities captured global accolades through the 2026 SAG Award in San Diego, while our city seamlessly hosted premium continental sporting events, confirming Polokwane's dual capacity for advanced technological governance and macro-level event execution.

While high-level macro-governance anchors our strategic trajectory, it is the profound

commitment of our frontline personnel that bridges the gap between administrative policy and human impact. This quarter, our municipality has been illuminated by extraordinary displays of civic duty that exemplify the highest standards of the public service ethos.

A special word of profound appreciation is reserved for Ms Kgaogelo Mothapo, a Licensing Examiner whose professional conduct has epitomised public service excellence. As explicitly recognized by our customers, Ms Mothapo consistently goes above and beyond the baseline metrics of her station. Refusing to let service delivery stall during traditional lunch intervals, she remains actively hands-on, executing her duties with an impeccable fusion of professionalism, enduring patience, and a exemplary positive attitude. She stands as a benchmark for frontline engagement.

Simultaneously, we proudly salute our dedicated Traffic Officers: Sylvia Moganedi, Nthabiseng Ngoepe, Gerhald de Waal, Kgaugelo Godfrey Mphago, and Louis Mamabolo. These officials went far beyond the standard call of duty when they discovered a mother in distress, actively in the process of giving birth beneath a bridge. Displaying remarkable poise, profound empathy, and immediate tactical responsiveness, they stepped in to assist her. Their swift, humane intervention under exceptional circumstances reflects immense credit upon our municipality and

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Ms. Thuso Nemugumoni, City Manager

serves as a powerful reminder of the life-saving role our protective services play within the community.

An administrative machinery cannot function in isolation; its success is directly proportional to the strength of its strategic partnerships. Polokwane Municipality continues to thrive because of the invaluable, collaborative relationships we share with our diverse stakeholders.

Most notably, we owe a debt of gratitude to the residents of Polokwane Municipality who consistently honour their civic obligations by actively servicing their municipal accounts. This reliable revenue stream is the vital lifeblood of our local economy. It empowers the municipality to navigate fiscal challenges

and discharge its constitutional mandates without institutional paralysis or structural hindrance.

We strongly encourage and appeal to all residents and corporate citizens to maintain this commendable culture of consistent payment. Your financial contributions translate directly into the uninterrupted provision of premium utilities - guaranteeing sustainable water systems, reliable electrical networks, and the continuous rehabilitation of our roads and transport streets.

We are cementing an efficient, accountable, and high-performing institution poised to seamlessly realize the 2030 Smart City Vision.

Ms. Thuso Nemugumoni
City Manager: Polokwane Municipality

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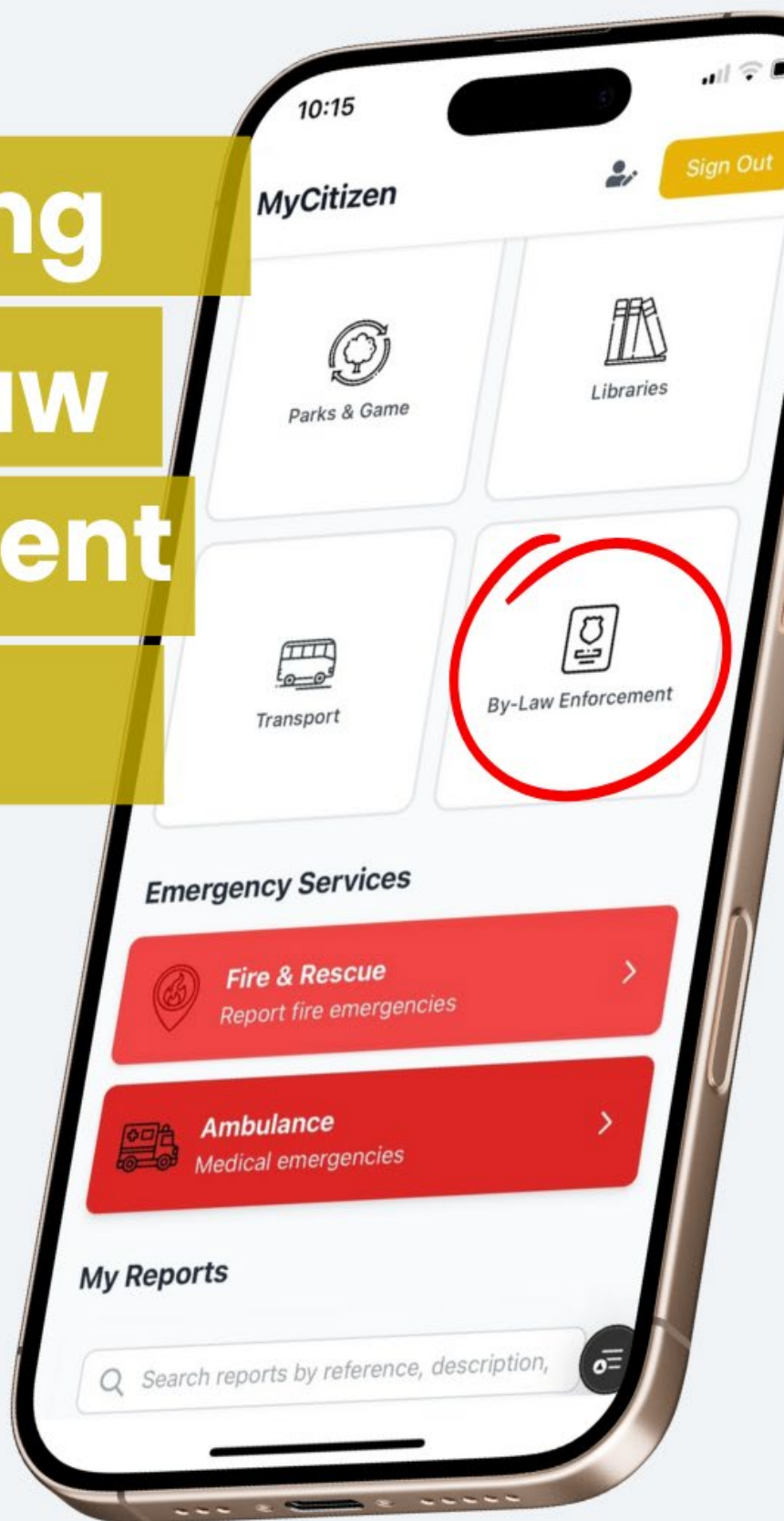
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Executive Mayor Cllr Makoro John Mpe with traditional and community leaders.

Paving Progress: Mayor Mpe Inspects Ga-Setati Road Upgrades and Hands Over Operational Fleet to Boost Service Delivery

Polokwane Municipality remains firm in its commitment to driving robust infrastructure development and strengthening municipal response across both urban and rural settlements. On 11 August 2026, Executive Mayor Cllr Makoro John Mpe conducted an oversight visit to assess progress on the ongoing construction of the Ga-Setati road project. The R14.5 million project involves upgrading 1.5 kilometres of road from gravel to tar, significantly improving mobility for the communities of Matekereng, Masobohlang, Setati, and Chokoe, who have navigated gravel roads for decades. Local motorists and taxi operators can breathe a sigh of relief as the improved surface will substantially reduce vehicle wear and tear. Progress on the project currently stands at 48.5%, with full completion expected by December 2026.

Outlining the purpose of his visit, Mayor Mpe noted that the inspection forms part of the municipality's commitment to fulfilling pledges made during Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and budget consultation sessions. "We heard the cries of community members during our consultations requesting the tarring of the Ga-Setati road, even though initial budget allocations had already been

finalized," Mayor Mpe stated. "Our visit today was to ensure work has commenced, and we are pleased to see the project underway. We have advised the contractor to maintain high professional standards. Public funds must deliver on their intended purpose."

The project has also created tangible local economic opportunities, employing 40 local laborers from surrounding villages through the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP). Mayor Mpe emphasized the need for fair labor practices, timely compensation, and high-quality workmanship throughout construction.

Strengthening Municipal Capacity

To ensure service delivery is met on the ground, the municipality complemented the infrastructure

oversight with a major boost to its operational fleet. Executive Mayor Mpe officially handed over new operational vehicles to reinforce municipal teams, including:

- 1 x 22-Wheeler Heavy-Duty Truck for municipal logistics and transport
- 2 x Tractors to enhance grass-cutting and environmental maintenance
- 3 x Double-Cab Bakkies to support security and law enforcement activities

"This fleet investment will further boost municipal service capacity, improve responsiveness to community needs, and support long-term operational efficiency," Mayor Mpe added.

Community Gratitude

Speaking on behalf of the Moletjie Royal Authority, spokesperson Mokgoma Matuma Moloto commended the municipality and Executive Mayor Mpe for addressing longstanding community infrastructure requests.

"The Moletjie communities will finally be relieved of the frequent and costly vehicle maintenance caused by the old gravel road," Moloto expressed. "As the Bahlaloga people, we are deeply grateful for this development after so many decades."

With active machinery on the ground and upgraded operational capacity, Polokwane Municipality continues to demonstrate that when service delivery challenges exist on the ground, the response must match them directly at ground level. ✨



Executive Mayor Cllr Makoro John Mpe with MMC for Roads and Stormwater Cllr Desmond Moloto



Front row: Executive Mayor Cllr Makoro John Mpe (grey suit), with Members of Mayoral Committee. Back row: Polokwane City Manager, Ms Thuso Nemugumoni with Executive Director for Economic Development and Planning Ms Molatelo Mashego and City officials within GIS Unit.

Polokwane Celebrates Global Triumph: Municipality welcomes home SAG 2026 Award Winners

POLOKWANE – In a celebration fit for global champions, Polokwane Municipality hosted a homecoming media breakfast on 28 July 2026 at the Fusion Boutique Hotel to welcome back its award-winning Geographic Information Systems (GIS) team.

The event, led by Executive Mayor Cllr Makoro John Mpe, celebrated the municipality's historic international recognition after receiving the prestigious Special Achievement in GIS (SAG) Award 2026 in San Diego, California, USA.

Accepting the award abroad on behalf of the city was Ms. Lungi Nkosi, Manager of GIS, who proudly flew the flag for Polokwane, Limpopo, and South Africa on one of the world's most distinguished technology stages. The SAG Award celebrates international excellence and innovation in spatial technology and infrastructure management.

Pioneering Technology for Better Service Delivery
This remarkable accolade highlights the municipality's continuous efforts to harness cutting-edge technology to transform urban planning, accelerate infrastructure

development, and improve the overall quality of life for its residents.

"This achievement is a demonstration of our commitment to harnessing cutting-edge technology to improve planning, infrastructure development, service delivery, and the quality of life of our residents," stated Executive Mayor Mpe during the reception.

As the saying goes, "The proof of the pudding is in the eating"—and today, the world has taken notice of Polokwane's excellence.

Congratulations to Ms. Lungi Nkosi and the entire GIS team for raising our flags high. Their achievement serves as a powerful reminder that greatness knows no geographical boundaries—it is earned through dedication, innovation, and unwavering hard work.



Executive Mayor Cllr Makoro John Mpe and City Manager Ms Thuso Nemugumoni



GIS Manager at Polokwane Municipality, Ms Lungi Nkosi

"The proof of the pudding is in the eating"—and today, the world has taken notice of Polokwane's excellence...

MANKWENG, SEBAYENG/DIKGALE

COLLECTION DAYS, ROUTES & VILLAGES

1 - Ramathope; Matsiokoane; Magwareng; Mothiba-Moshate

2 - Madiga; Moduane; Maselaphaleng
3 - Hlatlaganya; Sickline; Ntshitshane
4 - Komaneng; Segoreng; Badimong
5 - Meetsematsididi; Lethakwe

MONDAY

1 - Makotopong; Kotishing

2 - Dulafela; Kgwareng
3 - Mawasha; Tshware; Malahlela; Makeketela
4 - Malesa; Shiloane; Moshongoville; Dubula; Makgongwana; Matshelapata
5 - Thakgalang; Nyakelang; Old Nobody

TUESDAY

1 - Marobala

2 - Segopje; Sefateng; Ga-Maphoto; Ntsima
3 - Mailula; Masealama; Seeleng; Makgobathe; Kgware (Moshate)
4 - Route 4; Makanye; Thoka
5 - Nobody RDP; Nobody Extension

WEDNESDAY

1 - Makgoba; Titibe; Ga-Matampane

2 - Kgokong; Sencherere; Makwalaneng; Makeketela
3 - Thune; Mampbaka; Spitzkop; Mongwaneng
4 - Mantjane; Mogoa; Ramogale
5 - Morongwa Park; Ngwanalaka; Morwamaretse

THURSDAY

1 - Mogobane; Moshate; Kholetsheng

2 - Iraq; Mshongo; Ga-Motholo; Mamotintane
3 - Mongwaneng; Monyoaneng; Sahara; Mahlanhle; Viking; Thabakgone
4 - Phuti; Moshate; Masioneng; Tjatjaneng; Makgwareng
5 - Moremadi Park; Segwashi; Maribethema

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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RURAL WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

MANKWENG, SEBAYENG/DIKGALE



Minister of Water and Sanitation, Pemmy Majodini with Executive Mayor of Polokwane, Cllr Makoro John Mpe

Engineering Hope: Water Minister Inspects Polokwane's Game-Changing Hybrid Plant

POLOKWANE – Executive Mayor Cllr Makoro John Mpe today welcomed the Minister of Water and Sanitation, Pemmy Majodina, to the Seshego Water Treatment Works for a firsthand inspection of the city's innovative hybrid water treatment facility.

The high-level delegation included the MEC for CoGHSTA, Basikopo Makamu, and the Chairperson of the Lepelle Northern Water Board, Dr Nndweleni Mphephu.

While Minister Majodina was in Polokwane primarily to engage with the newly appointed Lepelle

Northern Water Board, she prioritized a site visit to the Seshego facility—an intervention that has rapidly gained widespread praise across the municipality.

More than just a remarkable feat of engineering innovation, the hybrid plant is delivering tangible results for local residents. By substantially augmenting the municipal supply, the facility is actively providing relief to communities while building long-term water resilience for the region.

"Seeing is believing. Polokwane Municipality is ensuring that every

drop counts toward improving the lives of our people."

As Polokwane continues to expand, local leadership and national government remain aligned in prioritizing sustainable, scalable infrastructure solutions that guarantee water security for all. ✨

"Seeing is believing. Polokwane Municipality is ensuring that every drop counts toward improving the lives of our people."



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Executive Mayor, Cllr Makoro John Mpe with Thabo Makunyane's family members

Polokwane Municipality officially hands over and names the Thabo Makunyane Sports Complex in Extension 44 & 78

The Executive Mayor of Polokwane, Cllr Makoro John Mpe, officially handed over the state-of-the-art Sports Complex at Extension 44 and 78 on Thursday, 30 July 2026.

During the handover, the Executive Mayor announced that the sports complex has been named after local liberation stalwart and the city's first Mayor, the late Cllr Thabo Makunyane.

"He was a man who often reminded us that 'Freedom is not a destination reached by a few; it is a responsibility carried by every generation to build communities worthy of those who sacrificed for them.' Thabo Makunyane suffered the brunt of the apartheid system, ending up on Robben Island, but he remained strong and continued the fight. Today, we thank the Makunyane family for giving us permission to name this facility after him. We believe that all youth who enter this facility will remember Thabo Makunyane and the sacrifices he made for them," said Mayor Mpe.

Historical Significance & Vision

Highlighting the historic link to the area, Mayor Mpe noted that the

Disteneng community traces part of its roots back to the Makunyane family, who once settled there.

"When Mr. Makunyane became the Executive Mayor, he prioritized the settlement and formal planning of this area. It is a moment of great pride that we are here today to honor him for laying this foundation. We serve as Executive Mayors of this city because of his hard work.

We are in Extension 44 and 78 to open opportunities and invest in the future of our children. As Nelson Mandela always reminded us, 'Sport has the power to change the world, to inspire, and to unite people in a way that little else can.' Every great structure begins as an idea, every successful city begins with a vision, and every generation leaves behind monuments that demonstrate its commitment to those who will inherit the future."

Dignitaries in Attendance

The event was attended by prominent traditional leaders and dignitaries, including:

- Traditional Leadership: Kgoshi Molepo, Kgoshi Ledwaba,

MmaKgoshi Dikgale, and representatives from the Moletji Tribal Authority.

- Municipal Leadership: Speaker of Council Cllr Welhemina Modiba, Chief Whip of Council Cllr Rapetsoa, and Members of the Mayoral Committee (MMCs).
- Makunyane Family: Dr. Seipati Makunyane alongside her siblings and family members.

Facility Features & Project Impact

The newly handed-over Sports Complex features:

- A state-of-the-art artificial soccer pitch equipped with advanced water drainage systems.
- Modern change rooms and ablution facilities.
- Stormwater management infrastructure and dedicated water supply systems.

The Mayor further announced that Phase 3 of the project will introduce netball and tennis courts, while the final phase will include an office block and parking facilities.

To date, the project has directly benefited the local economy by creating employment for approximately 60 families and providing opportunities for 10 local SMMEs.

Polokwane Municipality trusts that this facility will inspire excellence, unite the people of Polokwane, and nurture future champions. ✨



Newly opened Thabo Makunyane Sport Complex



Executive Mayor Cllr Makoro John Mpe and City Manager Ms Thuso Nemugumoni

Polokwane takes center stage as host of 2026 African Junior Tennis Championships

POLOKWANE – The "City of Stars" rolled out the red carpet for Africa's top young athletic talent as Executive Mayor Cllr John Mpe officially welcomed participants to the 2026 African Junior Team Championships (AJTC) at the Polokwane Tennis Courts on 21 July 2026.

The prestigious tournament brought together the continent's finest junior players to compete at Polokwane's upgraded, world-class tennis facilities. Serving as the African regional qualifier for the ITF Junior Davis Cup and ITF Junior Billie Jean King Cup, the Under-16 team competition ran from 20 to 25 July 2026. It was immediately followed by the African Junior Individual Championships from 27 to 30 July, which showcased top-tier talent across boys' and girls' singles and doubles events.

Addressing players, officials, and guests during the official opening ceremony, Mayor Mpe emphasized the significance of hosting one of the continent's premier junior sporting events.



From left: MMC for Sport, Arts, Culture and Special Programmes Cllr Tebele Jerry Mamabolo, City Manager Ms Thuso Nemugumoni, SA Tennis Scholarship holder in Tunisia, Ms Morakane Molaoa and Executive Mayor Cllr Makoro John Mpe

"The approval by Tennis South Africa for these courts to host national and international competitions is a vote of confidence in Polokwane's vision, capability, and commitment to excellence," Mpe said. "These facilities are opening doors for investment, tourism, job creation, and international partnerships that will benefit our communities for generations."

Allan Karam, Tennis South Africa (TSA) board member, encouraged the young athletes to build lasting friendships throughout

the tournament, highlighting sport's vital role in fostering social cohesion and unity across the African continent.

The tournament followed momentum built earlier in the year at the Under-18 Continental Championships in Egypt (23–27 March 2026), where Morocco's Soulaïmane Jamji and South Africa's Wendy Modiba were crowned the boys' and girls' singles champions, respectively.

On the court in Polokwane, competition was fierce. South Africa delivered an outstanding performance across both the team and individual competitions. The South African boys commanded their doubles match against Kenya with a straight-sets victory, while the girls' doubles team dominated their contest against Algeria from start to finish. Overall, Team South Africa recorded impressive victories against opponents from Algeria, Kenya, Togo, Zimbabwe,

Morocco, Egypt, and several other participating nations.

The seamless hosting of the championships once again demonstrated the Polokwane Municipality's capacity to stage major international sporting events, cementing the city's growing reputation as a hub for top-tier competition.

MOLEPO/CHUENE/MAJA

COLLECTION DAYS, ROUTES & VILLAGES

MONDAY

- 1 - Bergenek
- 2 - Thokgoaneng
- 3 - Fynbos; Leshikishiki; Maratapelo.
- 4 - Ga Chuene; Ga Chuene Moshate
- 5 - Marulaneng; Marulaneng Ext; Dichueneng; Taleng

TUESDAY

- 1 - Maja Moshate; Ga Maja Staseng; Matshelapata; Ga Phiri
- 2 - Feke; Mapelaneng; Makubjaneng.
- 3 - Thamara; Mmotong wa Bogobe; Moeding
- 4 - Matshane; Skoonheid
- 5 - Koppermyn; Ga Molema

WEDNESDAY

- 1 - Mmatobole
- 2 - Ga Thaba; Ga Molema;
- 3 - Mmataka; Segweng
- 4 - Makatjane; Maphethoane.
- 5 - Mothiba Ngwanamago

THURSDAY

- 1 - Sebat; Lekgothoane; Dihlophaneng; Sebjeng.
- 2 - Laastehoop; Rashilo; Mandela.
- 3 - Papae; Tsakane; Podile; Makgwaraneng.
- 4 - Manthoroane; Boikhutjong; Malatji.
- 5 - Nobody; Maboi; Revonia; Ga Kau.

FRIDAY

- 1 - Sobiao; Nooko; Tshebela
- 2 - Rampheri; Mogano
- 3 - Bethel; Boshiga; Mahobokong.
- 4 - Maripathekong; Makubung; Sethale
- 5 - Mankgaile; Mountain view; Makgeng

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MOLEPO/CHUENE/MAJA



Executive Mayor Cllr Makoro John Mpe, during Transportation, Roads and Stormwater stakeholder consultation

Polokwane Mayor drives infrastructure progress through strategic public engagement

POLOKWANE – In a proactive move to accelerate infrastructure development and foster public transparency, Polokwane Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr Makoro John Mpe, hosted a dedicated Stakeholder Engagement Session focused on transportation, roads, and storm water.

The session provided a collaborative platform for local leadership and community members to align on municipal priorities.

The engagement was highly welcomed by residents and business stakeholders alike. It offered a transparent window into the municipality's current achievements, while laying out a clear roadmap for future roads and storm water infrastructure.

Mayor Mpe emphasized that sustainable municipal growth cannot happen in isolation.

He said that building a resilient city requires more than just pouring concrete; it demands a shared civic contract. Addressing the packed hall, he noted that true leadership flourishes when leaders walk alongside the community rather than ahead of them. He maintained that sustainable municipal development is only possible when built on a foundation of open, honest dialogue and shared responsibility.

Rather than a one-off event, this engagement serves as the launchpad for a broader municipal transparency campaign. The Executive Mayor confirmed that similar interactive forums will soon be rolled out across other critical service delivery areas—including water security, energy distribution, and waste management—to ensure Polokwane's citizens remain active partners in shaping the city's future. ✨



Transportation, Roads and Stormwater stakeholders.



From Left: Ms Thuso Nemogumoni (City Manager), Cllr Makoro John Mpe (Executive Mayor) and Ms Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya (Limpopo MEC for Education).

Polokwane Executive Mayor and Limpopo Education MEC partner to accelerate school construction

POLOKWANE — The Executive Mayor of Polokwane Municipality, Cllr Makoro John Mpe, and the Limpopo MEC for Education, Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya, held a high level strategic meeting, to establish a high-level joint task team aimed at resolving administrative bottlenecks and fast-tracking the construction of delayed schools across the municipality.

The high-level engagement, convened at the MEC's request, addressed systemic delays affecting critical education infrastructure projects. Municipal leadership in attendance included the MMC for Local Economic Development, Land Use and Spatial Planning, Cllr Puleng Mashangoane, along with City Manager Thuso Nemugumoni and key technical teams.

Under the agreement, the municipality and provincial

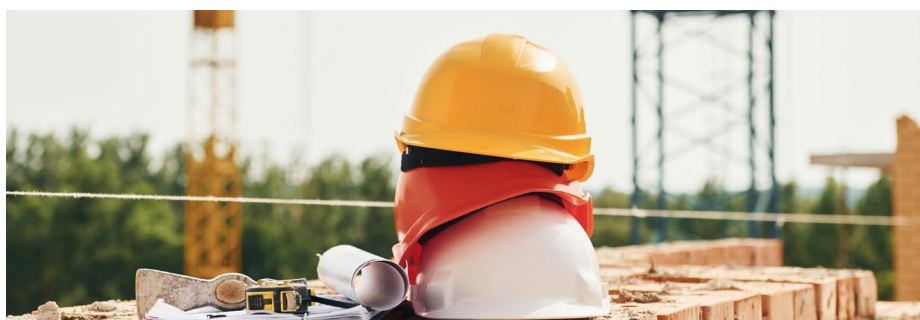
department will streamline land use and service delivery approvals for several planned developments. Key priority projects slated for immediate acceleration include new primary schools earmarked for Fauna Park and Bendor, and a secondary school planned for the Polokwane Extensions.

Executive Mayor Mpe instructed municipal officials to immediately resolve all pending municipal-level approvals and service clearances that have halted construction.

"Government works best when it works together," said Mayor

Mpe. "Every delayed classroom represents an opportunity deferred for our young people. Our administration will move with speed, efficiency, and accountability to ensure projects are delivered without further delay."

To ensure long-term accountability, the MEC and Executive Mayor will hold regular high-level oversight sessions. Technical teams from both institutions will meet bi-weekly to implement interventions and track construction timelines.✧



High level meeting led by MEC Mavhungu Lerule-Makhanya and Executive Mayor Cllr Makoro John Mpe.

"Government works best when it works together,"



Ms Babalwa Mosomane (Chief Operations Officer) with Aganang Cluster Office employees.

Grounded leadership in action: COO takes service delivery to the frontline

Polokwane Municipality's Chief Operations Officer (COO), Ms. Babalwa Mosomane, has embarked on an intensive month-long programme to engage directly with officials across all municipal clusters, reinforcing the Municipality's commitment to strengthening decentralized service delivery.

The programme, which commenced at the Moletji Cluster Office, forms part of the administration's drive to gain a first-hand understanding of the realities facing frontline operations, identify opportunities for improvement, and implement practical administrative interventions that will accelerate service delivery across the municipality.

During the inaugural session, Ms. Msomane met with the Cluster Office administration and supervisors representing various Strategic Business Units (SBUs) deployed within the cluster. The engagement focused on staffing matters, the range of services provided, operational performance, achievements, resource requirements, and the challenges affecting service delivery on the ground.

A key outcome of the programme will be the development of comprehensive cluster-specific reports that Ms. Msomane will submit to the City Manager, Ms. Thuso Nemugumoni. The reports will highlight the strengths, operational challenges, resource gaps and opportunities identified during each engagement, while recommending appropriate administrative interventions and practical solutions to improve organisational efficiency and service delivery within every cluster.

"In all the sessions that we have with the Executive Mayor, he continues to emphasise impactful

service delivery, particularly in waste management, roads, revenue enhancement and other critical services, so that our rural communities also experience meaningful improvements. These engagements are therefore important because they help us develop administrative solutions that are aligned with the realities and challenges experienced on the ground," said Ms. Msomane. She further explained that the programme is directly inspired by the Municipality's political leader, the Executive Mayor Cllr. Makoro John Mpe's vision of ensuring that quality and impactful municipal services are fully decentralised and



Ms Babalwa Mosomane (Chief Operations Officer) with Mr Matsiri Mokgokong (Assistant Manager Moletjie Cluster Office)

accessible to every community, regardless of location.

The visits are also providing the COO with an opportunity to familiarise herself with each cluster's unique service footprint, operational environment and development potential, enabling informed decision-making that responds to the specific needs of every region.

Recognising the dedication of officials working in often demanding conditions, Ms. Mosomane expressed her appreciation to employees serving in the clusters and reaffirmed the administration's commitment to creating an enabling working



Ms Babalwa Mosomane (Chief Operations Officer) with Moletjie Cluster Office employees.

environment that supports both staff wellbeing and improved organisational performance.

"Our employees remain the driving force behind service delivery. I appreciate the commitment shown by officials in our clusters, and these engagements are about listening, finding solutions together and creating an environment where they are empowered to perform at their best. The insights gathered during these visits will not gather dust—they will inform actionable reports and interventions that will strengthen our operations and ultimately improve services to our communities."

Ms. Mosomane confirmed that follow-up sessions will be conducted to monitor progress, evaluate the effectiveness of interventions, and assess the impact of the administrative solutions implemented following the submission of the cluster

reports to the City Manager.

The cluster engagement programme will continue throughout July, covering all municipal clusters as the Municipality strengthens its administrative systems and accelerates its mission of delivering responsive, efficient and equitable services across Polokwane.

By taking leadership beyond the boardroom and into the communities where services are delivered, Ms. Mosomane is demonstrating a results-oriented and grounded leadership style that places people, accountability and measurable impact at the centre of municipal administration. Her approach reflects a commitment to ensuring that both employees and communities benefit from responsive administration, informed decision-making and sustainable improvements in service delivery.✧



Ms Babalwa Mosomane (Chief Operations Officer)

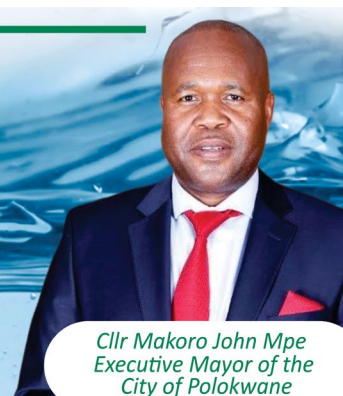


Ms Babalwa Mosomane (Chief Operations Officer) with Seshego Cluster Office employees



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Protect our community's most precious resource.
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SECURE OUR FUTURE.



Cllr Makoro John Mpe
Executive Mayor of the
City of Polokwane



Attendees at the Clean Air Quality Management Plan Workshop



Ms Meisie Manthata: Manager Health Services

Polokwane City engages stakeholders on clean air quality management plan

POLOKWANE – The Polokwane Municipality's Health Services department, alongside local industry businesses and key stakeholders, convened today at the New Peter Mokaba Stadium for the review of the Municipal Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP). The review of the air quality management plan is guided by Chapter 5 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, which mandates its integration into the municipality's overarching Integrated Development Plan (IDP). This collaborative engagement aims to fortify municipal strategies to mitigate public health risks associated with adverse atmospheric conditions.

Elevating Public Health and Environmental Standards

During the session, the Manager for Health Services, Mrs. Meisie Manthata, emphasized the critical link between environmental quality and community well-being:

"It is the municipality's constitutional responsibility to protect our citizens from the severe health risks associated with air pollution. Prolonged exposure to poor air quality is a leading cause of respiratory infections, cardiovascular diseases, and chronic conditions like asthma. By tightening our regulatory frameworks, we are actively working to lower these preventable health risks and ensure a safer, healthier environment for all residents."

Addressing the Root Causes of Pollution

Delegates noted that adverse air quality is primarily driven by anthropogenic activities—including the combustion of fossil fuels, industrial manufacturing processes, and vehicular emissions—complemented by natural phenomena such as wildfires and dust storms. To effectively manage these

mounting emission pressures, the municipality is identifying actionable interventions to foster a sustainable urban ecosystem.

Mr. Kamogelo Duiker, representing Mamadi Sustainability Company, highlighted the structural approach required for long-term success:

"The baseline is strengthened by merging air quality evidence with municipal strategy, waste planning, by-laws, and policies for the municipality to approve and implement."

Alignment with the 2030 Smart City Vision

The finalized AQMP policy will serve as a strategic roadmap, directly supporting Polokwane's 2030 Smart City Vision. By prioritizing cleaner atmospheric conditions, the plan interlinks the core pillars of Smart Environment, Smart Mobility, Smart Living, and Smart Economy to build a resilient and sustainable future for the city. ✨



Executive Mayor Cllr Makoro John Mpe, turning sod for road construction linking Mankgaile Primary School and the main road leading to Moria

Honoring Mandela Day: Executive Mayor Mpe drives infrastructure development and restores dignity across rural Polokwane

In the true spirit of Nelson Mandela Day—a global call to action for public service, community upliftment, and human dignity—the Executive Mayor of Polokwane Municipality, Cllr Makoro John Mpe, led a high-impact sod-turning and project oversight program across the Molepo/Chuene/Maja and Mankweng Clusters, covering Wards 3, 4, and 27.

Where there was once only promise, the sound of progress now echoes through local communities. Demonstrating that municipal service delivery is the ultimate tribute to Madiba's vision of a better life for all, Executive Mayor Mpe was warmly welcomed by the leadership of the Molepo Traditional Council. He was joined by key political and administrative leaders, including the Chairperson of Parliament's Portfolio Committee on Home Affairs, Mr. Musa Chabane; Council Speaker, Cllr Welheminah Modiba; Council Whip, Cllr Phetola Rapetswa; Members of the Mayoral Committee (MMCs); and respective ward councillors.

Road Infrastructure: Opening Pathways to Opportunity

The delegation's first stop was the Tshebela to Moshate Phase 2 Road Tarring Project, a robust R25.7 million investment designed to upgrade 1.7 kilometers of dusty gravel road into a modern asphalt route. The project features full stormwater drainage infrastructure, formal road markings, and clear safety signage.

Currently sitting at 48% physical progress against 37% time elapsed, the contractor is running well ahead of schedule. As the saying goes, "the proof of the pudding is in the eating." Today was about witnessing tangible delivery on the ground—creating local employment, boosting economic mobility, and building connected rural communities where opportunity can travel on paved roads.

Water Restoration: Ensuring Reliability and Dignity

Moving forward in the spirit of active service, the Executive

Mayor's second stop focused on basic human rights and essential utilities at the Molepo Water Treatment Plant Project. This critical R1.71 million initiative was undertaken to stabilize and strengthen the reliable supply of clean water across rural villages.

The comprehensive upgrades included:

- Installing and upgrading high-capacity pumps
- Reconfiguring reservoir inlet and outlet pipework
- Modernizing electrical connections
- Performing complete reservoir cleaning to lower turbidity and optimize water quality
- Final testing and operational commissioning

Now fully completed, the upgraded plant stands ready to enhance clean water provision to Tshebela (Mogano, Bethel, and Maphetwane), Maripathekong (Makubung and Boshega), Mamatsha, and Rampheri.

As the timeless adage reminds us, "you never miss the water till the well runs dry." This intervention serves as a clear demonstration that Polokwane Municipality is proactively tackling today's challenges. By building resilient infrastructure, the municipality is ensuring access to clean water while restoring fundamental dignity to the people of Polokwane—a fitting tribute to the legacy of Nelson Mandela.

Polokwane Municipality: Visible Progress. Tangible Delivery. ✨



Newly installed pumps at Molepo Water Treatment Plant

MOLETJIE & AGANANG CLUSTER

COLLECTION DAYS, ROUTES & VILLAGES

- 1 - Sengatane, Mamadila, Magadangele View, Chebeng, Vaalkop 1, 2 & 3, New Lands, Setotolwane, Marumo Fase Makweya,
- 2 - Doornspruit, Moeti & Nong Maleka-a-kotama, Makgwakgwana, Kgobeng village, Makgwakgwana, Marumo Fase
- 3 - Masesha, Kwena Moloto 1, Kwena Moloto 2, Kwena Moloto 3, Peter Nchabeleng, Makgofe
- 4 - Blood River, Dairing, Spook Park, Letsokoane Ext
- 5 - Maune, Matlaleng, Sehora, Utjane, Manyapye, Madiba, Mohlonong, Mapangula,
- 6 - Matlapa, Segoaahlang, Mapateng, Boetse,
- 7 - Kgasha Moshate, Mashashane, Mandela

MONDAY

- 1 - Mokgokong, Maphoto, Mabotja, Makgabo Park, Ranoto, Makgofe, Tambo View, Makgakga,
- 2 - Mamoruswane, Motinti, Matjaola, Tladi
- 3 - Mahwibitswane, Mashashi, Masedibo,
- 4 - Komape Ext, Maleka-a-thaba, Molalahare
- 5 - Komape, Mabokelele, Setlogong, Seshego high, Leokama, Moshate, Madikoti
- 6 - Mapeding, Monotoane, Glen rooi, Mars Jupiter, Naledi, Venus, Bersicht, Billingsgate, Madietane, Mapangula, Phomolong, Diana
- 7 - Pepesana, Leokama Ext, Mashshe Ext, Maleka-A-Thaba, Tambo Village, Madikoti Ext, Botona, Phola Park, Molalla gare Ext

TUESDAY

- 1 - Monyoaneng, Rankhuwe, Ga-Piet, Mabilwane, Thantsha Ditenteng,
- 2 - Mphela, Manamela, Machoane, Helena
- 3 - Matshoane, Maupye, Selepe, Ramakgaphola
- 4 - Madihorong, Mashita, Kobo, Machema,
- 5 - Setati, Matamanyane, Mashobohlang, Mabitsela,
- 6 - Ga Chokoe, Mokgonyana, Mashamaite & Mmakgodu
- 7 - Phetole, Mpone, Ntloane Phofu, Dibeng, Magoai, Kgomo school, Setumong, Selolo, Semaneng

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

- 1 - Mmakgodu, Ramphele, Legodi, Mabotja, Mokgohloa, Kgohloane
- 2 - Ramphele, Mabotja, Solly Park, Tambo View, Phomolong
- 3 - Hwibi, Moetagare, Ramalapa,
- 4 - Goedgewonden
- 5 - Tibane, Vlak, Boratapelo
- 6 - Phofu, Matlala Moshate, One Stop/ Parliament
- 7 - Masesha, Letsokoane and Dairing Ext

FRIDAY

- 1 - Ramongoana, Semenya, Makibelo, Hlahla, Matekereng
- 2 - Rampuru, Ceres, Kgabopark, Mabitsela
- 3 - Rammetloana, Lonsdale, Rapitsi
- 4 - Seema, Kloesdam, Juno
- 5 - Mashashane Moshate
- 6 - Kalkspruit, Magongoa, Lepotlako, Christina, Suilaas, Sechaba, Rammobola
- 7 - Kgoroshi, Kordon, Maineleng, Manamela, Washbank, Boanatlou

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Executive Mayor Cllr Makoro John Mpe flanked by MMC for Admin and Governance Cllr Makwena Betty Kgare, handing over a cheque to the oldest Comrades finisher Mr Johannes Mosehla

Polokwane Municipality honours triumphant Comrades Marathon finishers at homecoming celebration

POLOKWANE, LIMPOPO — The New Peter Mokaba Stadium came alive on Thursday, 9 July 2026, as the Polokwane Municipality hosted a prestigious Homecoming Event to celebrate local road running heroes who successfully conquered the 2026 Comrades Marathon in June.

The celebratory evening brought together the municipality's political leadership, administrative management, local running clubs, and independent un-affiliated athletes from across the region to mark their triumph over the "Ultimate Human Race."

Delivering the keynote address, the Executive Mayor of Polokwane, Cllr Makoro John Mpe, praised the athletes for their extraordinary display of endurance, discipline, and mental fortitude.

"To stand at the starting line of the Comrades Marathon requires immense courage, but to cross that finish line takes an iron will," said Executive Mayor Cllr Makoro John Mpe. "You have conquered the Ultimate Human Race, and in doing so, you have flown the

Polokwane flag exceptionally high. Your dedication inspires our entire community to pursue excellence against all odds.

I also want to extend our deepest gratitude to the runners from Limpopo, Polokwane, and the rest of South Africa who joined us for the Polokwane Municipality 5km Shake-Off run on Saturday, 20 June. Your participation set the perfect energetic tone for the main race the following day, proving that Polokwane truly is a hub for athletic excellence."

The evening featured formal award presentations recognizing finishers across various time categories. Two local athletes, however, captured the headline honors of the night:

Pelly Lamola received special recognition as the fastest runner from the Polokwane Municipality. Clocking an elite time of 6:18:48, Lamola firmly secured his position at the top of the 2026 Polokwane Comrades standings.

Octogenarian Johannes "Ntate" Mosehla stole the spotlight. At 84 years old, Mosehla is the current

record holder for the oldest Comrades Marathon finisher, completing this year's grueling distance in 11:12:27.

In recognition of his historic feat, Ntate Mosehla was showered with over R20,000 in cash, luxury accommodation vouchers, and various prizes courtesy of the Makoro Foundation and corporate sponsors. Adding to the accolades, the Sekhukhune United Football Club honored the veteran runner by presenting him with the team's official home and away jerseys alongside additional gifts.

The event concluded with a commitment from the municipality to continue supporting local sports development and wellness initiatives, ensuring that Polokwane remains a fertile ground for world-class distance runners. ✨



Comrades Marathon finishers, Yoliswa Ndlumana, Cassius Nkuna, Tinyiko Baloyi, and Sylvester Mogale



Seated from left: MMC for Sports Art Culture and Special Focus Cllr Jerry Mamabolo, Executive Mayor Cllr Makoro John Mpe and Executive Director for Community Services Mr Eddie Hutamo

Honoring excellence: Executive Mayor hosts special appreciation lunch for municipal choir and soccer team

In a strong demonstration of internal unity and appreciation, the Executive Mayor of Polokwane Municipality, Cllr Makoro John Mpe, hosted a special lunch session to celebrate the municipality's choir and soccer team.

The event served as an official recognition of the teams' hard work, discipline, and exemplary dedication—qualities that continue to elevate the public image and spirit of the institution.

Equipping Teams for Continued Success

As a tangible token of gratitude and support, Executive Mayor Mpe

presented both teams with newly branded apparel:

- The Municipal Choir received brand-new polo shirts and formal shirts, with customized jackets currently en route to complete their executive attire.
- The Soccer Team was awarded a fresh, high-performance soccer kit designed to support their athletic endeavors and represent Polokwane Municipality with pride, both on and off the field.

A Call for Unity and Mutual Care Addressing the attendees during the session, Executive Mayor Mpe highlighted the crucial role that

camaraderie and shared purpose play in building an efficient municipal administration.

"We spend more time together at work than we do at home. If we spend so much time together, then let us celebrate together, support one another, and look after each other. A united team is the ultimate foundation of a successful institution."

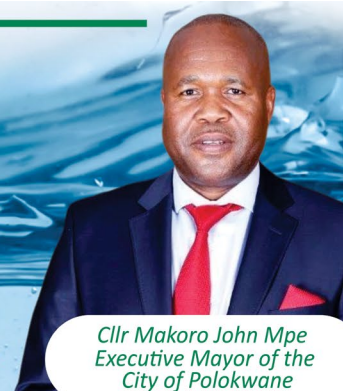
— Cllr Makoro John Mpe, Executive Mayor of Polokwane Municipality
The lunch concluded on a high note, leaving members energized and re-committed to delivering organizational excellence across all municipal initiatives.



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