



Her Worship  
**Cllr Maria Thamaga** | Mayor

**BLOUBERG MUNICIPALITY RANKS NUMBER 1 IN  
GOVERNANCE PERFORMANCE INDEX 2024 - NAMED  
THE BEST PERFORMING RURAL MUNICIPALITY  
IN SOUTH AFRICA**



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## MAYOR'S FOREWORD



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# HIGHLIGHTS | STATE OF THE MUNICIPALITY ADDRESS 2024

As Council, we are mandated to consult our communities on the Integrated Development Plan IDP/Budget through public participation meetings, as guided by Section 25 of the Municipal Systems Act of 2000, and section 22 of the Municipal Financial Management Act of 2003. The Draft IDP/Budget 2024/2025 Public Consultation meetings were successfully held in April 2024. All stakeholders made their inputs and comments and responded positively towards the Draft IDP/Budget 2024/2025.

We are pleased to have secured the top spot in Governance Performance Index South Africa 2024 as conducted by Good Governance Africa (GGA). We are a number one rural municipality, the best performing municipality in country in terms of service delivery. All our hard work and efforts in serving our communities are not in vein. We are being noticed.

### Electrification

1. In the past financial year we have electrified the following extensions; Lekgwara (40 households), Alldays Township (20 households) and Witten (625 households).

In this current financial year (2023-24) contractors are busy with the following electrification projects Construction of Senwabarwana Substation Phase 2, Construction of Senwabarwana Substation Phase 3, Electrification of Mongalo (50), Mochemi (25) and Sweethome (70), electrification of Bayswater (30) and Swartz (45) and electrification of Alldays (60) and Simpson (25)

### Roads and Stormwater Management

We want better roads for our communities and we will spare no effort to realize that. We have over the past year completed the following internal streets projects: Senwabarwana Internal Streets Phase 11 A & B (5km), Alldays Internal Street Phase 2 (4km)

This financial year 2023-24 the contractor are busy with the the Re-graveling of Sefihlampšyana Access Road and storm water control (6.0km) PROJECT COMPLETED, Construction of Mochemi Access Road and Internal streets (4.4km) THE PROJECT IN PROGRESS, Construction of Lethaleng to Pickum Access Road (6.2km) THE PROJECT IS IN PROGRESS, Rehabilitation of Senwabarwana D1200 main road and internal street (5km), Rehabilitation of Alldays internal streets (5km), Regravelling of Ga-Kgatla to My-Darling Access road (4km) THE PROJECT IS IN PROGRESS.

In the next financial year 2024-25 the following internal streets have been approved for construction: Construction of Lethaleng to Pickum Access Road (6.2km), Rehabilitation of Senwabarwana D1200 main road and internal street (5km), Rehabilitation of Alldays internal streets (5km), Regravelling of Ga-Kgatla to My-Darling Access road (4km), construction of Kobe internal streets and stormwater control, construction of Kwarung internal streets and stormwater control and the construction of Access road from Bosehla to Thalane access road.

### Sport Facilities and Halls

We have completed and handed over Senwabarwana and



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Pinkie Sebotse sport complexes for use, and it has brought the difference in Senwabarwana, Pinkie Sebotse and Blouberg at large.

### Housing

Through the assistance of the Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA) our communities continue to benefit from housing programmes. Last year financial year 491 RDP houses were built and in the next two years 250 RDP houses will be allocated to our communities.

### Water and Sanitation

Water and sanitation is the function of Capricorn District Municipality. We appreciate the efforts put by CDM to ensure that our communities have water. The following projects are currently funded by CDM: Grootpan, Sias, Longdon and Ramaswikana Water Supply, Kromhoek, Devrede, Taaibosch New stand water supply, Rosenkranz Water Supply, Bosehla water supply, Thaalane Water Supply, Inveraan Water Supply and Sanitation of 515 Households.

### Waste Management and Environment

We are currently collecting waste in Senwabarwana and Alldays towns and 13 villages. We have procured 300 wheelie bins to be provided to customers in Senwabarwana and Alldays. We request our communities to take care of these bins and use them properly. Let us not throw waste around them. Let us not burn waste inside these bins.

### Local Economic Development

As the Municipality we have a responsibility to create an enabling environment for local economic development.

Annually we provide support to local economic development projects through the LED grant. Last financial year 2022-23 we assisted three projects, This financial year 2023-24 we have assisted Kibi Potato Farming, Ramalahla Organic Farming and Moshabi Organic Farming

### Construction of Senwabarwana Shopping Mall

The first phase of the mall, has officially opened. The first phase entails a filling station and drive through restaurants. The second phase will begin in June 2024. We hope the completion of the mall will bring much relief to our communities and provide business and job opportunities.



# BLOUBERG MUNICIPALITY RANKS **NUMBER 1** IN GOVERNANCE PERFORMANCE INDEX SOUTH AFRICA 2024

When taking office in 2021, Blouberg Local Municipality Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga indicated that, the ultimate goal of the Council is to achieve better audit outcomes and have a clean administration that will be able to effectively deliver services to communities. That, was not far-fetched. In March 2024, the municipality was ranked the number one rural municipality in service delivery and good governance in general in Government Performance Index (GPI) conducted by Good Governance Africa (GGA)

The GPI 2024, which assesses South Africa's local municipalities, cities and district municipalities based on five key governance indicators, bestowed Blouberg prestigious top ranking among the sixty-one country's mostly rural local municipalities (Category B4).

In 2024, all South African municipalities were evaluated according to four categories namely; Administration and Governance, Leadership and Governance, Planning and Monitoring as well as Service Delivery. Service Delivery was weighted most due to the importance that the constitution and associated legislative frameworks stress on the role which local government has in terms of distributing core services to households.

GGA exists in Africa with the aim to improve governance performance across the African continent.

In welcoming the ranking status, Mayor Thamaga credited the council and management for working tirelessly to ensure that Blouberg Local Municipality excel when coming to clean governance. Mayor Thamaga further indicated that, the municipality will continue to strive for good financial governance whilst delivering sustainable services to communities.

"The recognition, the number 1 spot reaffirms our commitment to good governance and delivery of sustainable services. We thank the GGA for recognizing our efforts. There is no looking back, forward is where we are going until we get it right. Thanks to the Council and the administration team of Blouberg Local Municipality led by Ntate Refilwe Ramothwala. Let us continue delivering services and make impact in our communities".

The South African Local Governance Association (SALGA) hailed the municipality for the dedication to effective governance and service delivery.

"SALGA would like to congratulate Blouberg Local Municipality for achieving the top spot in the Governance Performance Index for South Africa in 2024. It is significant achievement that reflects the municipality's dedication to effective service delivery. Such recognition highlights the good work and commitment of the Municipality's leadership and staff in serving communities".

South Africa's banking giant, Standard Bank congratulated the municipality for its outstanding performance. The bank's Head of Public Sector Mr Timothy Matlala commended the municipality for its commitment to excellence in effective local governance.

"Your commitment to excellence in local governance have not gone unnoticed. As a trusted banking partner to the public sector, this letter symbolizes our appreciation of your achievement and commitment to a shared journey toward a brighter future. May this recognition inspire continued excellence, innovation and collaboration. We look forward to celebrating many achievements with you".

Community members also joined in sending congratulatory messages through social media (Facebook).

"Congratulations to our Blouberg Municipality and the Council at large, residents we are proud of you guys under the leadership of Mma Thamaga". Masechaba Matotoka.

"The people on the ground are very much aware about the good work rendered by the municipality". Sam Monyai.

"Re a leboga, re leboga le municipal manager, Ntate Refilwe". Silas Sekonyane.

The GGA sourced its ranking data from Auditor General Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) reports 2021/2022, National Treasury Municipal Money Database, Financial Census of Municipalities (Quarter 3, 2023), Census 2022 and Community Survey 2016 among other references.



Table 8: Overview of the 2024 GPI Rank for Category B4 Mostly Rural Local Municipalities

GPI 2024 RANKING	MUNICIPALITY	CODE	PROVINCE	LM GPI RANK IN PROVINCE	LM GPI RANK IN NATION	POPULATION (2022 CENSUS)
1 of 61	Blouberg Local Municipality	LIM351	Limpopo	1 of 22	21 of 205	192 109
2 of 61	Winnie Madikizela-Mandela Local Municipality	EC443	Eastern Cape	1 of 31	22 of 205	350 000
3 of 61	Elundini Local Municipality	EC141	Eastern Cape	2 of 31	23 of 205	141 762
4 of 61	Okhahlamba Local Municipality	KZN235	KwaZulu-Natal	4 of 43	24 of 205	143 132
5 of 61	Mnquma Local Municipality	EC122	Eastern Cape	3 of 31	26 of 205	232 993
6 of 61	Mandeni Local Municipality	KZN291	KwaZulu-Natal	6 of 43	28 of 205	180 939
7 of 61	Makhado Local Municipality	LIM344	Limpopo	2 of 22	32 of 205	502 452
8 of 61	Umlalazi Local Municipality	KZN284	KwaZulu-Natal	8 of 43	34 of 205	241 416
9 of 61	Richmond Local Municipality	KZN227	KwaZulu-Natal	9 of 43	35 of 205	62 754
10 of 61	Molemole Local Municipality	LIM353	Limpopo	3 of 22	36 of 205	127 130
11 of 61	uMzimkhulu Local Municipality	KZN435	KwaZulu-Natal	10 of 43	37 of 205	220 620
12 of 61	Greater Giyani Local Municipality	LIM331	Limpopo	4 of 22	41 of 205	316 841
13 of 61	Thulamela Local Municipality	LIM343	Limpopo	5 of 22	43 of 205	575 929
14 of 61	Umzimvubu Local Municipality	EC442	Eastern Cape	4 of 31	44 of 205	214 477
15 of 61	Senqu Local Municipality	EC142	Eastern Cape	5 of 31	45 of 205	147 073
16 of 61	Umkhumbi Local Municipality	KZN213	KwaZulu-Natal	12 of 43	46 of 205	139 045
17 of 61	Ulundi Local Municipality	KZN266	KwaZulu-Natal	14 of 43	49 of 205	221 977
18 of 61	Msinga Local Municipality	KZN244	KwaZulu-Natal	15 of 43	50 of 205	206 001
19 of 61	Mbhashe Local Municipality	EC121	Eastern Cape	7 of 31	51 of 205	240 020
20 of 61	Ndwedwe Local Municipality	KZN293	KwaZulu-Natal	17 of 43	53 of 205	165 826
21 of 61	Ubuhlebezwe Local Municipality	KZN434	KwaZulu-Natal	18 of 43	54 of 205	133 032
22 of 61	uMhlabuyalingana Local Municipality	KZN271	KwaZulu-Natal	20 of 43	56 of 205	191 660
23 of 61	Ntabankulu Local Municipality	EC444	Eastern Cape	8 of 31	59 of 205	146 423
24 of 61	uMshwathi Local Municipality	KZN221	KwaZulu-Natal	22 of 43	62 of 205	118 478
25 of 61	Collins Chabane Local Municipality	LIM345	Limpopo	6 of 22	64 of 205	443 798
26 of 61	Nongoma Local Municipality	KZN265	KwaZulu-Natal	26 of 43	67 of 205	225 278
27 of 61	Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality	LIM476	Limpopo	7 of 22	71 of 205	575 960
28 of 61	Greater Letaba Local Municipality	LIM332	Limpopo	8 of 22	72 of 205	261 038
29 of 61	Maruleng Local Municipality	LIM335	Limpopo	9 of 22	73 of 205	128 137
30 of 61	Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality	LIM472	Limpopo	10 of 22	74 of 205	288 049
31 of 61	Greater Tzaneen Local Municipality	LIM333	Limpopo	11 of 22	75 of 205	478 254
32 of 61	Nkandla Local Municipality	KZN286	KwaZulu-Natal	28 of 43	78 of 205	108 896
33 of 61	Emalahleni Local Municipality	EC136	Eastern Cape	12 of 31	80 of 205	128 873
34 of 61	Nyandeni Local Municipality	EC155	Eastern Cape	13 of 31	82 of 205	304 856
35 of 61	Maphumulo Local Municipality	KZN294	KwaZulu-Natal	29 of 43	83 of 205	110 983
36 of 61	Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality	LIM471	Limpopo	12 of 22	85 of 205	132 468
37 of 61	Dr A B Xuma Local Municipality	EC137	Eastern Cape	14 of 31	86 of 205	132 799
38 of 61	Lepelle Nkumpi Local Municipality	LIM355	Limpopo	13 of 22	92 of 205	284 404
39 of 61	Ingquza Hill Local Municipality	EC153	Eastern Cape	17 of 31	93 of 205	354 573
40 of 61	uPhongolo Local Municipality	KZN262	KwaZulu-Natal	33 of 43	95 of 205	151 541
41 of 61	Makhudutamaga Local Municipality	LIM473	Limpopo	14 of 22	97 of 205	340 328
42 of 61	Nquthu Local Municipality	KZN242	KwaZulu-Natal	34 of 43	99 of 205	201 133
43 of 61	Thembisile Hani Local Municipality	MP315	Mpumalanga	3 of 17	105 of 205	431 248
44 of 61	Impendle Local Municipality	KZN224	KwaZulu-Natal	35 of 43	108 of 205	36 648
45 of 61	Nkomazi Local Municipality	MP324	Mpumalanga	6 of 17	112 of 205	591 928
46 of 61	Greater Taung Local Municipality	NW394	North West	2 of 18	113 of 205	202 009
47 of 61	Jozini Local Municipality	KZN272	KwaZulu-Natal	36 of 43	116 of 205	199 153
48 of 61	Mfolozi Local Municipality	KZN281	KwaZulu-Natal	37 of 43	118 of 205	159 668
49 of 61	Chief Albert Luthuli Local Municipality	MP301	Mpumalanga	10 of 17	127 of 205	247 664
50 of 61	Mhlontlo Local Municipality	EC156	Eastern Cape	22 of 31	136 of 205	186 391
51 of 61	Ngqushwa Local Municipality	EC126	Eastern Cape	25 of 31	149 of 205	68 300
52 of 61	Port St. Johns Local Municipality	EC154	Eastern Cape	26 of 31	150 of 205	179 325





## MAYOR SWITCHES ON ELECTRICITY FOR 625 WITTEN EXTENSION 10 HOUSEHOLDS

Six hundred and twenty-five (625) households at Witten Extension 10 are now connected to the national electricity grid through Blouberg Local Municipality electrification programme. This follows the official switching on of their completed electrification project by the Mayor, Cllr Maria Thamaga.

The residents had the joy of switching on electricity for the first time, thanks to the municipality's focused programme to light out darkness in the extensions. Mayor Thamaga indicated that, the municipality is responding to requests made by community members during the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) public consultations. R10.6 million was approved by the Council to fund the project for 2022/23 financial year. The project was launched on November 28, 2022 and was scheduled for twelve (months), however; it could not be concluded on time due to capacity shortages.

"I'm happy that we were able to pay Eskom to increase the capacity for us to complete this project. I would like to thank you, the residents of Witten for your patience whilst we were resolving the matter. Now, you will join the rest of the village in enjoying the basic services that Blouberg Local Municipality has been dishing out to communities. It gives me pleasure seeing our people reap the fruits of democracy from our government. We are here to light out the darkness and ensure that the lives of our people are changed for the better.

Mayor Thamaga also called on community members to buy electricity and refrain from meter by passing as those who will be found at fault risk their electricity disconnected and face a hefty fine of R10 000.

Blouberg Local Municipality holds a licence to electrify its households. 100% of the settlements have been electrified by the municipality and Eskom respectively. The symbolic switch-on took place at Matema household where the Mayor accompanied by the Whip of Council, Cllr Johanna Rangata switched-on the lights and donated start-up electrical appliances.

The Matema family thanked the Mayor for choosing their household for the official switch-on. "Thank you so much, Mayor for choosing us. Thank you for the gifts and continue to do good unto others"

The Mayor extended her gratitude to the project steering committee, ward committees and the Ward Councilor for ensuring that the project runs smoothly until the end.



**Mayor Maria Thamaga officially switches on the completed Witten Ext 10 electrification project at Matema household.**



# MAYOR MARIA THAMAGA OFFICIALLY OPENS ALLDAYS INTERNAL STREETS

The remaining dusty streets of Alldays Extension 2 and 3 have been upgraded from gravel to paving. Blouberg Local Municipality Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga on May 22, officiated the cutting of ribbon ceremony, activating the completed Alldays internal streets and stormwater control Phase 2 project.

The 30.4 million rand internal roads project which employed fifty-seven(57) locals involved the upgrading of internal gravel streets to paving. This is a Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) funded project and forms part of the District Development Model (DDM) catalyst projects. The construction covered 4kilometers of road.

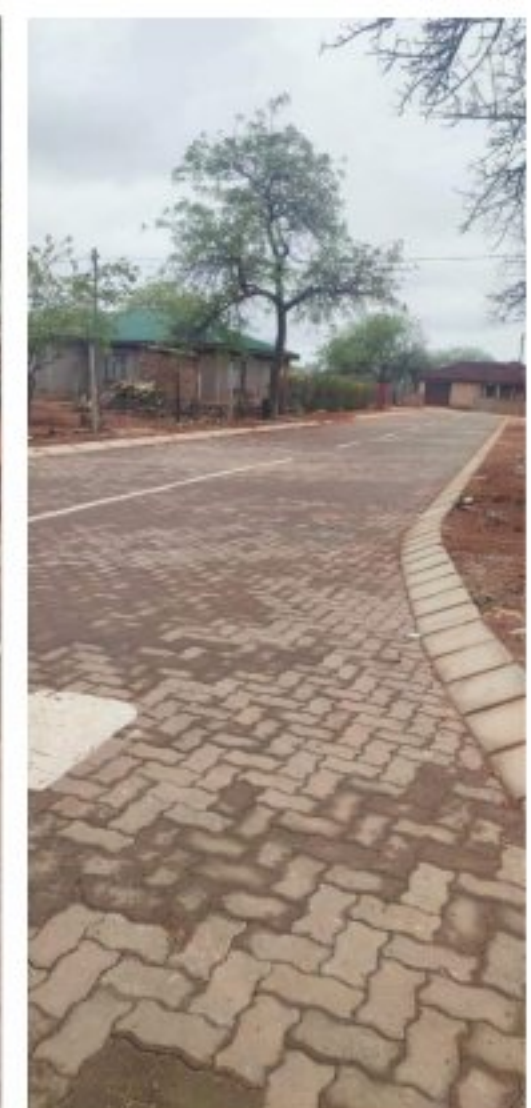
The project commenced on November 30, 2022 and construction works were completed by September 21, 2023. During IDP/budget public consultative meetings community members requested tarred internal streets among other service delivery projects. The Council has approved the budget to cater for the upgrading of Alldays township streets. Mayor Thamaga indicated that, the municipality is delivering services to communities as mandated. Residents of Alldays, I want to let you know that, the government loves and care for you. Not so long

ago I was here to officially switch-on your electricity, today, I'm here opening your internal streets project. Soon I'll be bringing the contractor to remove the old and dilapidated internal streets and construct the new ones".

The Mayor expressed her satisfaction with the end product and indicated that the municipality is aware of the service delivery challenges faced by residents such as land and water shortages. On water, Mayor informed residents that, the source of the problem has been identified and the Capricorn District Municipality is on site working around the clock to fix it. On land issue the the Mayor indicated that the municipality is working on acquiring land to address human settlement challenges.



**Bouberg Local Municipality Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga cuts the ribbon, marking the official opening of Alldays internal streets.**





# MASEPALA O TŠWELA-PELE GO THAKGOLA DIPROJEKE TSA MOHLAGASE

Badudi ba Masepala wa Bloubaai ba tšwela pele go godišha Masepala ka go katolosa metse (Village Extensions). Ge go le bjalo, go katolosa ga metse, go bea Masepala ka tlase ga kgatelelo ya go abela metse yeo ye meswa Mohlagase. Ngwaga ka ngwaga Masepala ka tlase ga mabaka a, o tlabakela metse ye meswa ya go feta 400 ka mohlagase.

Se se bonagatše le mo ngwageng wa bjalo wa mašelang, ge Masepala o abela badudi ba ditikologo tša go fapana Mohlagase bjalo ka ba kua Ga-Mochemi, Mongalo, Sweethome, Alldays, Simpson, Byswater le Swartz.

Badudi ba hlalositše ka fao ebago mengwaga ba emetše go abelwa Mohlagase. Ba leboga ditshepišo tšeo di dirilwego ke Meyara Cllr Maria Thamaga nakong ya lenaneo la ditshepišo tša kabo ya ditirelo (IDP). Nakong yeo ya mananeo a goikopanya le setšhaba ngwageng wa go feta holong ya setšhaba ya Raweshi, Meyara Cllr Maria Thamaga o boditše badudi gore mananeo a tlabele ya Mohlagase a tseleng.

Gole bjalo, Meyara o ipiletša go badudi go šumišana le bo Rakontraka, go netefatša gore projeke e fela ka nako. "Hlokomelang projeke tše ka gore di tlišetša lena mešomo ya nakwana, ebile ditlo le hola ka Mohlagase". Meyara ore badudi batšwele pele go hlapetša kgahlanong le batho bao ba šumišago Mohlagase wa boKhunyepe (Electricity Bridging).



"Go kotse kudu go šumiša Mohlagase wa boKhunyepe ka gore seo se palediša Masepala go dira letseno, ebile bao baka hwetšwago ba kgaolelwa Mohlagase go fihlela ba lefa kotlo ya diranta tše dikete tše lesome (R10 000 fine).

Meyara obe a farararilwe ke maloko a komiti ya Meyara ebago Modula-setulo wa lefapa la dikgere-kgere (Technical Services) Cllr Agnes Raseruthe, Modula-setulo wa taolo (Corporate Services) Cllr Prince Motsware, leloko la komiti ya Meyara Martin Tlouamma le molaodi wa Masepala Refiloe Ramothwala.







# KGATLA REGRAVELLING AND STORM WATER CONTROL PROJECT LAUNCHED

The Kgatla village access road in Ward 06 that gets flooded during rainy seasons, denying residents movement in and out of the village is getting a fix. Blouberg Local Municipality Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga has performed a sod-turning and introduced the contractor for Ga-Kgatla Access Road project to the community. The regravelling and stormwater water control project of the 4km road commenced in May and will be completed within four (4) months.

Mayor Thamaga indicated that the Kgatla project will be implemented as part of disaster relief programme. "We are happy that we are able to assist the residents of Ga-Kgatla. We have received many calls from community members during rainy seasons indicated that children are unable to go to school, service providers are unable to access the area to delivery food for our learners as well as emergency vehicles not able to assist our patients in times of need." Fifteen(15) temporary jobs for locals will be created.





# MEYARA O BULA LEFELO LA DIPAPADI LA PINKI-SEBOTSE



Badudi ba Ward 21 motseng wa Pinki-Sebotse ba tswile ka makata-namane gotla goba ditlhatse nakong ya pulo-semmusho ya lefelo la dipapadi la Pinki-Sebotse. Se se latela morago ga gore lefelo le la dipapadi tša go fapana fapana le fetswe go agiwa. Meyara Cllr Maria Thamaga o ipiletša go setshaba go hlokomela lefelo le.

"Re tlišitše lebala la meraloko mo Ward 21 le di ward tša kgauswi. Sports facility se se akaretša meraloko ya go fapana fapana Soccer, Netball, Volleyball, Kids play ground, Outdoors and indigenous games. Re tshepha gore se tla thuša go utolla ditalente tša go fapana fapana, go tloša bana mo mebileng le go lwantšha tšhomišo ya drugs. Se tla tliša le menyetla ya kgwebo le mešomo ya lebakanyana ge go swarelwa di event ka mo. People will now know Pinkie-Sebotse because of this facility."

Lefelo le, le nale dintlwana tša botswela-mare le mafelo a dihlopha a go hlapa le go apola.



"Re leboga Mantona a rena, Ba Department of Sports, Contractors, Steering committee, CLO, Ward committees ge ba swarane ka diatla tše pedi go bona gore mošomo o a phethagala. Sethiko se na le maatla."



# BAGA-LEPADIMA BA LEBOGA MEYARA THAMAGA MORAGO GA GO FIWA NGWAKO WA DIPHAPOSHI TŠE NNE



Morago ga gokwa sello sa mosadi yo a hlokago bodulo . ka morago ga mathata a selapa, Meyara wa Blouberg Cllr Maria Thamaga, o tšwile lesolo la go nyakana le bao baka mo thušago go agela motse mosadi yoo a lego mathateng wa gotswa motseng wa Mamehlabe. Meyara Thamaga o kwele mokgoši gotšwa go baetapele ba motse ebago Mantona. Mma-Lepadima yo maina a gagwe a kase boletwego ka botlalo, o dula le bana ga gagwe ba ba 3.

Mo mengwageng ya go feta, Meyara Thamaga o ikgaletše go thuša setšhaba malebana le mathata ao ba kopanago le ona a leago, go akaretšwa le bana ba dikobo-di-magetleng bao ba hlokago dijo le diaparo. Lenaneo la Meyara le akaretša go thuša barutwana ba gotšwa dikolong tša go fapana bao a ba thušago ka Unifomo ya sekolo.

Ba Ga-Lepadima ba lebogile ka fao meyara a ba thušitšego ka gona kage ga bjalo bana le legae leo ebago la bona. Bona morago ga gotšwa ka ngwakong wa bona wa dipohapoši tše 7 ka tlase ga mabaka ao a sego ka tlase ga taolo ya bona, babe ba kgopetše madulo ka gabo-batswalle ba bona. Ngwako wo o bulwago o nale diphapuši tše 4, ebago tse 2 tša borobalelo, ya bodulo le ya botswela-mare, go akaretšwa le ya botswela-mare ya ka ntle.

Setšhaba sa Wards 22 seo se tšwilego ka makata-namane gotla go keteka le bagaLepadima, se retile Masepala wa Blouberg goba o ekwa dillo tša setšhaba. Ba ipileditše go Meyara Cllr Maria Thamaga go tšwela pele go thuša bao ba llago.



## BLM BAGS TWO AWARDS AT SALGA 2022/23 MUNICIPAL AUDIT AWARDS CEREMONY

The Blouberg Local Municipality has received two recognition awards from the South African Local Government Association (SALGA). SALGA, on March 19, 2024 awarded excellence in local government finance during the prestigious 2022/23 Municipal Audit Awards ceremony held at Fusion Botique Hotel in Polokwane.

The municipality, represented by the Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Maria Thamaga was recognised in these two categories;

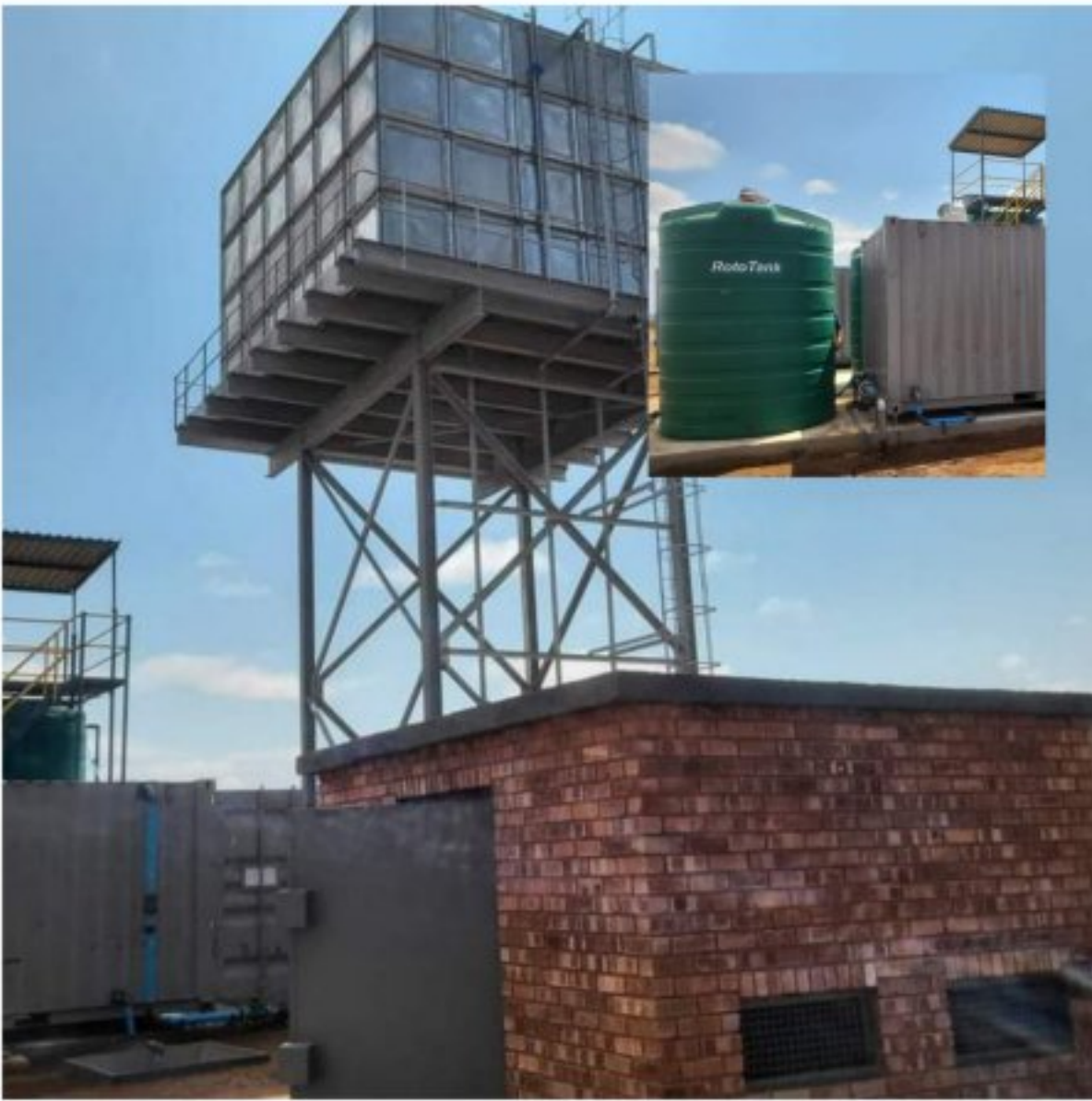
1. 100% Expenditure on Municipal Infrastructure Grant - (MIG) Spending and
2. For Receiving Additional MIG Allocation.

Mayor Thamaga welcomed the awards and credited council and the management for putting in extra work to ensure that the public money is spent as it should be. She further indicated that, the municipality will continue strive for good governance. The Mayor was accompanied by Corporate Services Director, Mr Robert Mdaka and Community Services Director, Mr Potedi Mphateng.





# WATER SHORTAGE A THING OF THE PAST FOR ROSENKRANTZ COMMUNITY AS CDM HANDS OVER MULTI-MILLION RANDS WATER PROJECT



Acting Executive Mayor Selamolela thanked the Lamola traditional authority and the community of Rosenkrantz for working well with the contractor ensuring that the project runs smoothly without hindrance. He further called on communities to take care of the project and refrain from installing pressure pumps and tanks as that will hamper the capacity to supply the entire community.

Cynthia Lamola from Rosenkrantz Village whose household is one of the 300 that got yard-connected tap extended her gratitude to Capricorn District Municipality for resolving their water problems. "Water was a serious challenge for us, but not anymore. We have water in our yard now and I'm very happy".

On March 15, 2024, the Member of Mayoral Committee(MMC) for Corporate Services ,Cllr Sammy Selamolela on behalf of the Executive Mayor, Cllr Mamedupi Teffo, handed over a completed water project to the community of Rosenkrantz in Ward 21.

The project launched by Cllr Selamolela in November 2022 cost the municipality R42, 7m. The scope of work included the construction of 30700m water pipeline, equipping and electrification of two boreholes. Installation of water treatment package plant, installation of two steel tanks, installation of booster pump and 300 yard connection as well as the fencing of borehole and storage facilities.

"Our responsibility is to bring services and development to communities, the communities have the responsibility to ensure that the projects are well taken care of. We thank the moshate, community, steering committee and the contractor for working together until the end. We thank the consulting engineers and contractors for the job well done. Water is a precious resource , and you as a community should take care of it and not abuse it".

Blouberg Local Municipality Technical Services Chairperson and Acting Mayor on the day, Cllr Agnes Raseruthe extended her gratitude to Executive Mayor Teffo for the hard work and implementation of water projects in Blouberg ensuring that water challenges in communities are resolved.

Acting Executive Mayor Selamolela, was joined by Blouberg Local Municipality Council Whip, Cllr Johanna Rangata and Community Services Chairperson, Cllr Shirley Raphasha.







Mayor Maria Thamaga, MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya with the appointed contractor.



MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya (Middle), Mayor Maria Thamaga and Speaker, Cllr Blanco Boloka at the briefing session ahead of the hand over ceremony

## MEC LERULE-RAMAKHANYA HANDS OVER CONTRACTOR FOR THE COMPLETION OF CAPRICORN NORTH EDUCATION DISTRICT OFFICES PROJECT IN SENWABARWANA

On April 16, 2024, Limpopo Education MEC, Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya spent the better part of her day in Blouberg, launching two crucial projects; a multi-million rands construction project as well as the Limpopo School Democracy Programme.

MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya handed over the contractor for the completion of the Capricorn North Education District offices project in Senwabarwana. The district office project was left incomplete in 2011.

The MEC announced that, her department has set aside R45.8million budget to complete offices that will soon be utilized and create job opportunities. The construction work which is scheduled for eighteen(18months) is expected to commence in May 2024 and be completed and handed over by December 30, 2025.

The scope of work includes; de-bushing of the area, Completion of fence/wall, completion of electrical work, partitioning of offices, the floor covering with tiles, paving around the yard, Finishes on the roofing and paint work, installation of air-conditioners, ablution facility, drilling of a borehole and supply of office furniture among others.

Blouberg Local Municipality Mayor, Her Worship Cllr Maria

Thamaga extended her gratitude to MEC Lerule Ramakhanya for listening to the plight of Blouberg people to have the building completed and put to use. "As Blouberg Local Municipality, we are happy that finally, our MEC, Mme Lerule-Ramakhanya has heard us. The MEC is here today delivering the good news to the people of Blouberg. After so many years the building will be completed and utilised and our people will get jobs. It's my prayer that the MEC retains her portfolio as Education MEC, as she has been working tirelessly ensuring that our province improves its matric pass rate and for also delivering services to the people".

Upon handing over the contractor, MEC Ramakhanya called on municipal and community leadership to work together ensuring that the project is implemented without delays.

" We are here to handover the contractor to the municipality. We should work together as government and community leaders to marshall the implementation of this project and ensure that there are no delays. Our teams will need support from the municipality and we ask that they get the necessary support they will need to complete the required processes. We are doing all this for the people. This is service to our people".





## SEKOLO SA DIGOTLANE SA SHIELA SE TLA MPSWAFATŠWA KE KGORO YA THUTO

Sekolo sa bo Mapimpana sa Shiela kua Milbank, seo se agilwego ke Masepala wa Blouberg mengwageng ye mmalwa ya go feta setla mpswafatšwa ke kgoro ya thuto ya probense ya Limpopo. Se setšweletše nakong ya ketelo ya Meyara Cllr Maria Thamaga sekolong seo. Meyara yo a bego a farafarilwe ke sefepi segolo sa Masepala Cllr Morongoa Rangata le moKhanselara wa fao Lazarus Maifo ba etetše sekolo seo sa digotlane go lekola maemo a sona le bahlankedi ba kgoro ya thuto.

Goya ka bahlankedi ba kgoro ya thuto, balekodi ba šetše ba rometšwe fao sekolong go seka seka gore ba kgone go tseba gore setla kaonafatšwa bjang. Ga bjalo sekolo seo se nale bana ba masome-hlano. Mmusho wa bosetšhaba o tlišitše diphetogo tšeo go tšona di akaretšago gore dikolo tša bo Mapimpana gadi sa wela ka tlase ga Kgoro ya tša bobotlana, gomme di wela ka tlase ga kgoro ya thuto.

Mo mengwageng ya go feta Masepala o agile dikolo tša bo Mapimpana tše dintšhi go akaretšwa le tše pedi tšeo di agilwego ngwageng wa go feta. Meyara Cllr Thamaga o re Masepala wa Blouberg ke kgale o etile pele lenaneo la go netefatša gore bo Mapimpana ba hwetša thuto ya maleba. Ga bjalo kgoro ya thuto mo Limpopo e hlaloša gore e nale leano la go tlo hlahla barutishi ka moka ba dikolo tša digotlane malebana le dithuto tša Robotics.







*Her Worship*  
**Cllr Maria Thamaga**  
*Mayor*

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*Kodumela Moepathutse*