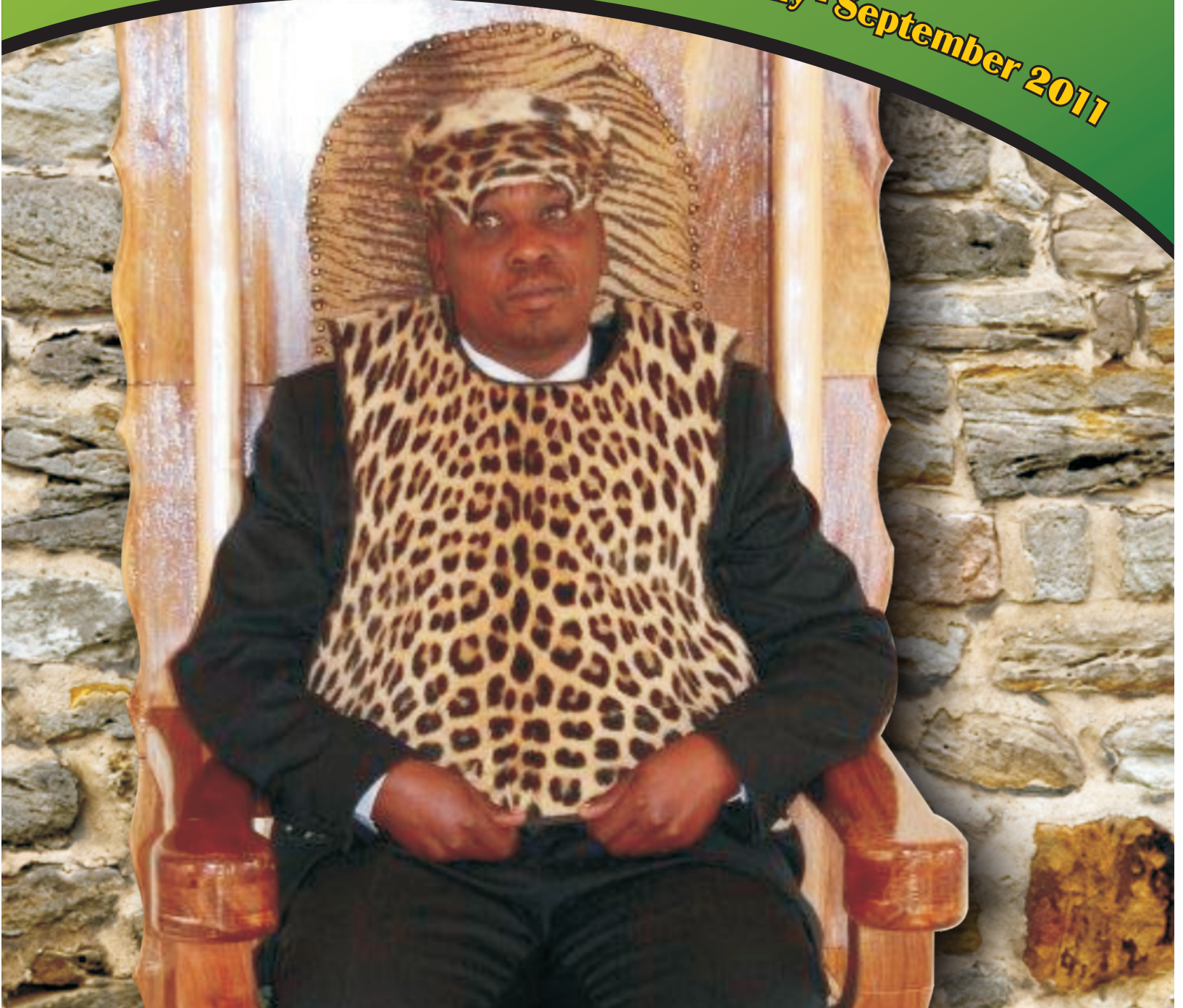




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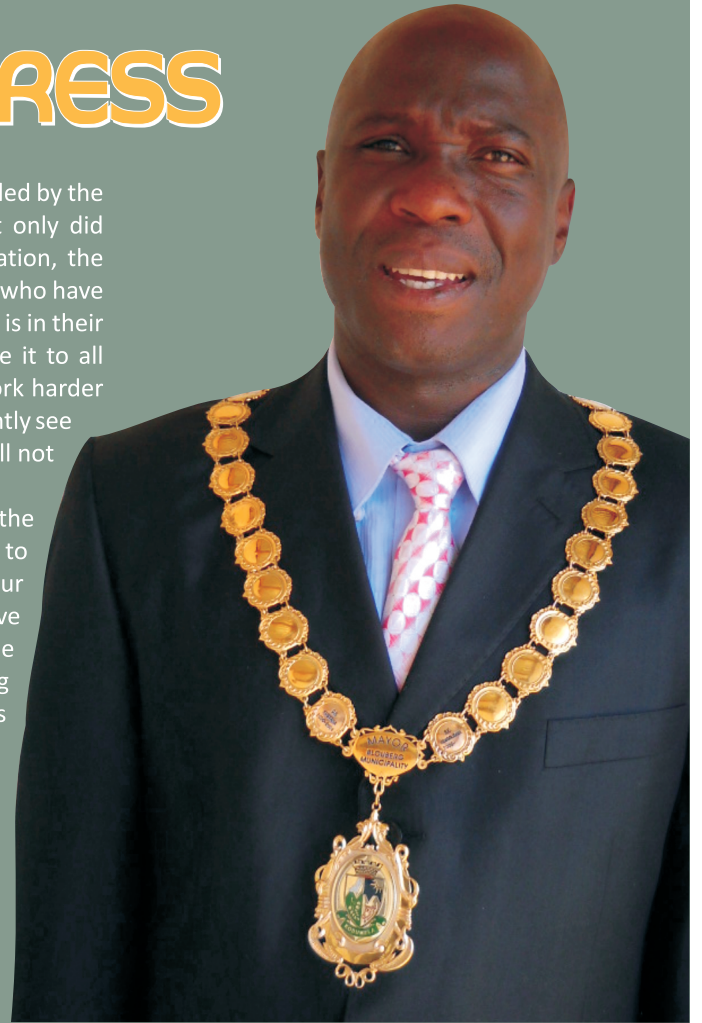
He won all the honours reserved for the world's best human beings. He won the Nobel Peace Prize, a priceless honour awarded to men and women from all corners of the globe for outstanding achievements in physics, chemistry, physiology or medicine, literature, economic sciences and for work in peace. He was conferred the Presidential Medal of the Freedom of the United States of America, Honorary Companion of the Order of Canada, both the highest awards in these two countries, and the Order of Merit, one of Britain's most prestigious and exclusive accolades. In addition, Britain's Parliament did him another rare and signal honour by erecting his statue in London's Parliament Square, alongside that of their own national icons, Sir Winston Churchill and other British giants. These are but a few of the countless reasons why Mandela is an icon without borders. As we celebrate Mandela Day on July 18, we should at least take stock of our humanity and renew our commitment to making a contribution to the greater good in South Africa. On this historic day we are called upon to spend at least 67 minutes of our time doing something useful within our communities, especially among the less fortunate in appreciation of the 67 years Mandela spent fighting injustice, helping people in need and practicing reconciliation.

We take this opportunity to heartily thank the people of Blouberg for honouring our call to vote in the recent local government elections. The results of the elections put to rest doubts on the confidence that our

people have in the government led by the African National Congress. Not only did the results surpass our expectation, the turn up told the story of people who have come to realize that their future is in their own hands. As a result we owe it to all those patriots who voted to work harder and faster so that they can instantly see the power of their votes. We will not disappoint.

It is our pleasure to introduce the teams we have put in place to ensure that we deliver on our electoral commitments. We have had a total overhaul of the Executive Committee including bringing in two new members and changing all but two portfolio committee chairpersonships. In Councillors Seleka Ratladi (Infrastructure Development); Rahab Masekwameng (Budget and Treasury); Morongwa Morapedi (Economic Development & Planning); Tebogo Tutja (Community Services) Phelecity Sekwatlakwatla (Special Focus); and Elina Sethukga (Corporate Services) we believe we have found our footing. We have made Finance and Infrastructure Development full time positions because they are at the coal face of our core service delivery. The last member of the Executive Committee, Councillor William Moshuhla, is without portfolio but assigned to identify and deal with any matters that need our trouble shooting approach.

Our congratulations are in order for the



**Councillor Serite Sekgoloane - Mayor.**

honourable Kgoshikgolo Ngoako Maleboho of the Bahananwa tribe who was inaugurated on the 30th April 2011. During our inaugural speech on the 1st June 2011 we made it plain to all the newly elected councilors that we expect them to work with our magoshi and their headmen without any excuses. This has been the official position of the Municipality since its inception in 2000 and our shining track record in this regard is common knowledge. We are looking forward to our magoshi walking the journey with us in building better communities towards a national democratic society. We are not oblivious to the fact that there will be trials and tribulations along the way but we should be determined to say no matter what, we need each other to deliver our people to the land of honey and milk. As Former US President, Ronal Reagan succinctly advises, "peace is not the absence of conflict, it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means." The journey has begun.....



**Exco members being sworn in by the Magistrate, Mr Mphaphudi.**



# ADMINISTRATIVE OVERVIEW

**“Building better communities towards a national democratic society .... The journey has begun.”**

This is the theme of the Mayor's Budget Speech for 2011/2012. The speech becomes the basis of our administrative thinking. It is a see-through to the end of the current financial year and beyond. It is a happily crafted vision which can be followed with little trouble. Indeed the journey has begun.

Within our financial means we put forth positions that best respond to our Agenda 2011/2012 as articulated in the Budget Speech. In essence, as can be deduced from the Speech, the Municipality has made tremendous progress in all its key performance areas and has concrete plans to deal with backlogs. However the picture created through the media by those who begrudge our successes is that the Municipality has failed. We have identified the hiatus crying for filler. Never again shall we be caught reacting to media reports. Accordingly the positions of Communications Officer (Events & Outreach Programmes) and Website Administrator have been prioritized for 2011/2012. With these the media should know about all our events and trust that they will get up to date information at all times on our website. Proactive communication is the future.

Performance management is one critical area that has eluded us to date. It is about quantifying and continuously improving the performance of personnel. Performance management will not only ensure that the Municipality fulfills its legal duty but will also help us to



Mr K.E. Machovani - Acting Municipal Manager.

understand exactly what work we must do to contribute towards the achievement of the Municipality's vision. The position of a Performance Management Officer will now be filled and come the end of 2011/2012 we should know how each of our Directors, Managers and Officers have performed. In subsequent years this would happen down to the last level of our employees. "Council needs to have value for the money it spends on all its personnel," the Mayor says in the Budget Speech regarding the need to introduce the PMS.

Last, but not least, we are desperate to improve our customer care. To date we have one Customer Care Officer who

coordinates every customer care related matters as per our Customer Care Policy. This includes management of queries raised through the Presidential and Premier hotlines. We will fill the position of a Customer Care Clerk and have repositioned our switchboard staff to report to the Customer Care Officer. This is a build up to our having a fully fledged Call Centre. Besides, we already have four Satellite Offices at Alldays, Eldorado, Tolwe and Senwabarwana in our endeavour to make our municipal services easily accessible to our customers.

Just in the last few editions of this newsletter we sang praises of our Chief Financial Officer, Ms Lucy Seabi, and her team on the good work they had engaged in to ensure that we continue to move towards a clean audit. Little did we know that fate was planning to disrupt the momentum. Ms Seabi has since left for greener pastures. We are only crossing our fingers that we recruit an equally focused Chief Financial Officer. We wish Ms Seabi the best of luck in her new posting. On the other hand we are happy to welcome new faces into our army of municipal servants, namely Ms Masedi Matlapu (Secretary : Office of the Mayor); Ms Ephodia Mokoditsoa (Cashier) and Mr Solomon Manokwane (General Worker).



Ms Masedi Matlapu - Secretary: Mayor's Office



# THE SPEAKER SPEAKS



**Councillor Maria Thamaga - Speaker**

It would be remiss of us not to kick in this new term of office by giving retrospective praises where they are due. This should define our prospective intents as we begin the journey of building better communities in the next five years. The Office of the Speaker has been endorsed to continue in charge of community participation. Creation and maintenance of relationship with traditional authorities; organized community structures and general members of our communities remain our main focal area. The relationship we had in the last five years and beyond continue to humble and inspire us. Together we have made Blouberg a peaceful and progressive Municipality. Our next assignment is to build better communities, which is only possible if we work together with all our stakeholders. For the umpteenth time we take this opportunity to invite all to be part of making Blouberg work better. We are tempted to ignore those who criticize just

for the sake of it. Some have come to think the only way to talk to us is through the media. While we appreciate the role of the media and respect the constitutional freedom of expression we are convinced that if the purpose is to build us we should first be dealt with through our internal communication channels. As Jack Handey say "before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way when you criticize them, you are a mile away from them and you have their shoes." Having said that we respect everybody's constitutional right to freedom of expression and abide by the dictum "I disagree with what you say, but will defend to the death your right to say it."

As the 9th Ward Committees Conference recedes, it is apt time to look back at the sign posts of history to make the best of choices that the future offers us. We are alive to the Manifesto of the political party that the majority of the people of Blouberg have mandated to lead them to

2016. Pertaining to community participation the Manifesto enjoins us to promote more active community participation in local government by, inter alia, ensuring that at least 90% of all ward committees are fully functional and better resourced. Ours is to beat this target by making all our ward committees functional at once. By the end of June 2011 we shall have established new ward committees in all our 21 wards. Immediately thereafter we will convene all these committees to the 9th Ward Committees Conference where they'll be introduced to the global picture of progress that we have made as a Municipality and the challenges that lay ahead. We will table our plans and route maps towards 2016. This is shorthand for ensuring that ward committees start their own plans and programmes on a proper footing. As for resourcing our ward committees we have done all we could within our means. A budget of over R2.5 m has been approved for ward committees' out of pocket expenses. We expect these expenses to include transport; mobile phone; and refreshments. A further budget of about R400,000 has been approved to purchase a 22 seater midi bus to keep our ward committees on the move.

In order to "further strengthen the voice of communities" we have embarked on a stakeholder analysis process which should culminate in a detailed and comprehensive stakeholder database. This database should enable us to design proper processes and systems that will excite every stakeholder to effectively participate in our municipal affairs whenever that call is made.

Congratulations to ward committees who have become councilors. We have been vindicated on our claim that ours have always been hard working people's ward committees. Fourteen (14) of our 41 Council members are former ward committee members. One former ward committee member was directly elected to the Capricorn District Municipality. More than all these, 50% of the ward councilors come straight from ward committees. We surely are on the right track and need not falter.





# AMO-AMASE CO-OPERATIVE SETS SIGHT ON INDIA

**R**enaissance Capital recently organised an international conference about the movement of investment capital globally, with the emphasis on Africa, India and China as the prime destinations.

When the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) organised a trip for co-operatives to market their business at an exhibition in India it was confirmation that the growth prospect of South African products and service exports also lies in India and the trade export relations between the two countries is solid.

From the rural village of My-Darling in Blouberg Bahananwa Amo-Amase, a 21 member co-operative, was invited to be part of the trip to expose its business and network within Indian consumers. This was part of the DTI's broad mandate of rural business development.

The secretary of the Co-operative, Mr Elias Mpyana, described the exhibition as valuable insight to how world does business and that with more exposure trips and business support services, SMME's and co-operatives could become more competitive and globally orientated. The Amo-Amase Co-operative started in 2004 when the Department of Agriculture donated an empty farm with existing infrastructure. Traditionally, the farm was used for cattle farming until the members

agreed to use it for goat farming as the structures were already in place.

With LIBSA's intervention, the Co-operative drilled bore-holes, erected water tanks and acquired petrol pumping machines to support business activities. To date, the co-operative has a stock complement of 408 remaining from the initial 700, the balance having been sold over the past year. On average the Co-operative sells about 127 goats and produces 160 weaners annually. The maintenance of stock levels is always a priority due to the high costs associated with medicine and food.

With 4457 hectares of farmland at its disposal, the Co-operative also ventured into cattle farming and, with the help of Capricorn District Municipality, the Co-operative bought an initial stock of 150 heads of cattle. To enhance the infrastructure and add more business support, LIBSA built new kraals and one dipping tank for pest control.

According to Mr Morris Lamola, LIBSA Branch Manager in Blouberg, the success of the Co-operative is due to the shared vision and commitment of its members.

Amo-Amase was recently profiled on Agri-TV to share its story and also the challenges it faces as a business with a view to enlighten and encourage potential and existing co-operatives nationwide.



The sight of Amo-Amase

## NOTICE OF APPROVED ANNUAL REPORT 2009/2010

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Report (2009/2010) of the Blouberg Local Municipality was adopted by the Council at a meeting held on 20 April 2011 at Rasekhuta School in terms of the Municipal Finance Management Act, Section 127 (2). Copies of the approved Annual Report and the Oversight Report are available at the following offices : Senwabarwana Head Office; Alldays Satellite Office; Eldorado Satellite Office; Tolwe Satellite Office; Mamadi Traditional Office; Seakamela Traditional Office; and Makgato Traditional Office. The Annual Report is also available on the municipal website on [www.blouberg.gov.za](http://www.blouberg.gov.za).

Enquiries should be directed to the office of the Acting Municipal Manager to the attention of Messrs Masama Jacob and Kgorane MJ at 015 5057 100; Fax 015 5050 296 or e-mail : [masmaj@blouberg.gov.za](mailto:masmaj@blouberg.gov.za)/[kgoranej@blouberg.gov.za](mailto:kgoranej@blouberg.gov.za).

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# CPW CREATES EMPLOYMENT FOR BLOUBERG RESIDENTS



Many more people will now get jobs, thanks to Government initiatives.

**3** 00 unemployed men and women of working age in Blouberg Municipality are benefitting from the Community Work Programme (CWP). This is an initiative by the National Department of Corporate Governance and Traditional Affairs to address the high unemployment rate in the country. In his 2011 state of the Nation Address President Jacob Zuma indicated the need to improve the lives of South Africans by creating 5 million Jobs in the next 5 years. The CWP complements government's existing social protection measures and is designed to ensure that people with

limited alternatives can rely on at least a minimum level of regular work to provide a predictable income stream.

The programme provides an employment safety net by offering participants a minimum number of regular days of work – in practice, two days a week at a rate of R60 a day. The beneficiaries were drawn from wards 09 and 21(Diepsloot 100, Inveraam 200) of the Municipality.

Participants will focus on labour intensive activities that include food gardens at clinics; schools; churches; home based care; developing recreation spaces and sporting facilities; environmental

rehabilitation; general maintenance work ; cleaning schools as well as other tasks to support schools.

Blouberg Mayor, Cllr Serite Sekgoloane, applauded the project saying it will improve the lives of people living in marginalised areas with few opportunities and contribute to key strategic goals of government in addressing poverty and unemployment. Since its launch in March 2010 the CPW project has created 55 000 jobs countrywide.

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## LEPHALALA BUSINESS ENTERPRISE



# KGOSI NGOAKO MALEBOHO IS FINALLY INAUGURATED

Scores of people including the first citizen of the Limpopo Province, Honourable Premier Cassel Mathale, converged at the Thalane Sports Complex to witness the inauguration of the Bahananwa Chief. Isaac Tshekiwa Ngoako Malebogo was installed as the new kgoshi of Bahananwa community on the 30th April 2011.

Delivering a delayed keynote address the Honourable Premier Cassel Mathale, who beat all odds to honour the occasion, said he was happy to see the Malebogo family and the Bahananwa community in peace and united as one following the legal battle that preceded the installation of Kgoši Ngoako Maleboho. He said that he felt honoured to be part of the Malebogo history and witness the inauguration ceremony of the grandchild of Kgošikgolo Ratshaatshaa Maleboho, one of the freedom fighters of note who gallantly resisted and fought against the Boer invasion of the Bahananwa territory. The statue of Kgošikgolo Ratshaatsha was unveiled by the Provincial Government five years ago and will forever remain a reminder of the defeat of the stranglehold of apartheid and indiscriminate colonial violations of the tranquility of the indigenous people. Like a host of speakers who spoke before him, the Premier repeatedly called for unity among the Bahananwa community.

Giving messages of support respectively Kgoši Sekororo; Moloto; and Makgeru of the Limpopo House of Traditional Leaders (LHTL) said love, peace and unity should prevail all the time to Bahananwa Community.

Limpopo MEC for Local Government and Housing, the Honourable Mr Soviet Lekganyane, called upon the community to respect the traditional leadership. Mr Lekganyane gave the history of the Bahananwa chieftainship and how some high ranking officials in the royal family messed it up resulting in the Limpopo Provincial Government paying hefty legal and court costs so that the rightful heir, Ngoako Maleboho, could ascend the throne. He pleaded with senior royal councilors not to repeat similar divisive and costly mistakes. Mr Lekganyane also presented the certificate to the new



Kgoši Ngoako Maleboho.

Kgošhi on behalf of the Premier and wished him all the best in his calling to lead his people to a better life.

Amongst the dignitaries at the ceremony were Magoši from other four Blouberg Tribal Authorities (Makgato; Lebogo; Seakamela and Mamadi), Kgoši Dikgale; the Executive Mayor of Capricorn District Municipality, Cllr Makgabo Mapoulo, and the Mayor of Blouberg Municipality, Cllr Serite Sekgoloane, who happily observed the proceedings.



Premier Cassel Mathale giving a message of support to Kgoši Ngoako Maleboho and his multitudes of subjects.



Kgoši Ngoako Maleboho and some of his most senior royal members - From left to right: Daniel Lebogo, Ramokone Maselelo Lebogo, Matome Lebogo and Tshwenyeyi Lebogo.



Ms Pitsi Senosha - Blouberg Municipal Electrical Officer (MEO).

# HOW BLOUBERG WAS WON AND LOST

This is how the 41 seats in the Council of Blouberg Municipality were contested, won and lost on 18 May 2011 during the Local Government Elections

Party Name	Valid Votes	% Votes	Total Seats	Ward Seats	PR List Seats
ANC	64,334	90.24%	37	21	16
DA	2,908	4.88%	2	0	2
ACDP	2,243	2.44%	1	0	1
COPE	1,159	2.44%	1	0	1
UDM	113	0	0	0	0
AZAPO	256	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>71,013</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>



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# GA-MAPHOTO VILLAGE DUMPS CANDLES AND PARAFFINS



Blouberg Mayor, Cllr Serite Sekgoloane, celebrates with Ga-Maphoto residents after the switch-on.

**G**a – Maphoto Village will never be the same again. On the 2nd June 2011 this tiny village in ward 13 joined the rest of the Blouberg villages in enjoying the basic services that Blouberg Municipality has been dishing out at a pace untold. Ga – Maphoto is one of the last villages in Blouberg to have electricity, thanks to the Municipality and ESKOM's focused programme to light out darkness everywhere it was unthinkable a few years ago.

The switch on event attracted all and sundry from the Ga – Maphoto and neighbouring villages such as Mokoena, Burgerrecht and Pax. To say joy and happiness were visible and tangible would still be an understatement. The old and young told stories aplenty about the good that electricity would bring into their lives. Learners confessed to Blouberg News that

studying with candles and paraffin lamps had always been disadvantageous.

Blouberg Municipality has outdone itself in ensuring universal access to electricity. The Municipality recently switched on electricity projects at Kgwale; Devilliersdale and Sadu. Today in the whole of Blouberg only Hananwa Village stands on the queue of settlements without electricity. This excludes extensions that developed after the original settlements were electrified. Already the budget of R1.2m has been approved to electrify Hananwa through the use of solar panels as the grid system is environmentally not feasible.

Giving the keynote address the Mayor of Blouberg Municipality, Cllr Serite Sekgoloane, applauded the people of Blouberg for taking part en masse in the local government elections on 18 May

2011. Upon introducing new councillors to the community the Mayor wasted no time in reading them the riot act. He said it is time for councillors to roll up their sleeves and work for the community. "Communities have voted for us because they have hope in us and it is our mandate as government to make sure they get better lives". He urged councillors to honour the people by working tirelessly and selflessly.

The symbolic switch-on took place at Elisa Maphoto's house. The Mayor on behalf of Blouberg Municipality donated electrical appliances (Stove, Kettle, and Iron) to this poverty stricken family. He urged residents to use electricity sparingly and refrain from tempering with electricity boxes as they risk their electricity being disconnected and heavy fines being imposed.



# MUNICIPAL COUNCIL



**Cllr Sekgoloane SE**  
**MAYOR**



**Cllr Thamaga MN**  
**Council Speaker**



**Cllr Choshi MM**  
**Chiefwhip**



**Cllr Ratladi SD**  
**Ward 04 & 09 (PR)**  
**Chairperson: Infrastructure Development**



**Cllr Morapedi MA**  
**Ward 06 & 08 (PR)**  
**Chairperson: Economic Development and Planning**



**Cllr Maswekwameng RM**  
**Ward 07 & 15 (PR)**  
**Chairperson: FINANCE**



**Cllr Sekwatlakwatla SP**  
**Ward 11**  
**Chairperson: Special Focus**



**Cllr Sithukga SE**  
**Ward 10 (PR)**  
**Chairperson: Corporate Services**



**Cllr Tutja TP**  
**Ward 13 (PR)**  
**Chairperson: Community Services**



**Cllr Moshuhla MW**  
**Ward 11 & 21 (PR)**  
**Chairperson: without Portfolio**





**Cllr Ntlatla MW**  
Ward 15



**Cllr Seduma MD**  
Ward 06, CDM Rep



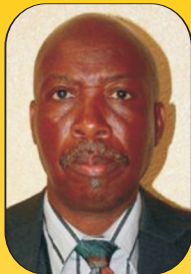
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Ward 20



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Ward 02 (PR),  
CDM Rep



**Cllr Maboya MS**  
PR



**Cllr Tjumana MM**  
PR



**Cllr Lehong MV**  
Ward 02



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Ward 01 (PR)



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Ward 5



**Cllr Chauke KR**  
Ward 17&18 (PR)



**Cllr Molokomme NO**  
Ward 19



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Ward 21



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Ward 08



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Ward 18



**Cllr Tlouamma NM**  
PR



**Cllr Mathekgana CR**  
Ward 16



**Cllr Keetse MC**  
PR





# THE 2011/2012 - 2013/2014 BUDGET

EXPENDITURE	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
<b>OPERATING BUDGET</b>			
Employee/Councillors Cost	60,654,717	66,682,691	73,256,536
General Expenditure	29,438,223	24,342,021	28,805,774
Repairs and Maintenance	6,586,660	6,176,411	6,376,436
Bulk Expenses	8,500,000	10,010,000	11,610,600
Contracted Services	1,600,000	2,600,000	2,756,000
Transfers to/from Bad Debts Provisions	413,600	800,000	848,000
Depreciations	600,000	1,500,000	2,600,00
<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>107,793,200</b>	<b>112,111,123</b>	<b>126,253,345</b>
<b>CAPITAL BUDGET</b>			
Contribution to Other Assets	6,655,000	10,318,000	3,907,143
Capital Projects	33,100,000	33,560,923	35,712,360
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET</b>	<b>39,755,000</b>	<b>43,878,923</b>	<b>39,619,503</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET</b>	<b>147,548,200</b>	<b>155,990,046</b>	<b>165,872,848</b>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Grant : Municipal Infrastructure Grant	(25,477,000)	(30,977,000)	(32,680,000)
Grant : Municipal Electrification	(3,000,000)	(3,500,000)	(5,000,000)
Grant : Equitable Share	(79,413,000)	(87,909,000)	(93,693,000)
Grant : Financial Management	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)
Grant : Municipal Systems Improvement	(790,000)	(800,000)	(900,000)
Grant : Capricorn District Municipality	(2,730,000)	(2,120,000)	(2,247,200)
Assessment Rates	(10,271,585)	(10,785,165)	(11,324,423)
Refuse Removal Charges	(317,625)	(333,506)	(353,517)
Sale of Electricity	(1,354,500)	(1,422,225)	(1,493,336)
Sale of Electricity - Prepaid	(7,000,000)	(7,350,000)	(7,717,500)
Water Services Charges	(864,150)	(907,358)	(952,725)
Free Basic Water	(1,900,000)	(1,995,000)	(2,094,750)
Sewerage Charges	(438,900)	(460,854)	
Traffic Services	(3,596,200)	(3,811,972)	(4,006,225)
	(450,000)	(472,500)	(496,125)
Interest on Debtors	(370,000)	(388,500)	(407,925)
Other Income	(8,075,240)	(1,256,976)	(1,006,122)
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>(147,548,200)</b>	<b>(155,990,046)</b>	<b>(165,872,849)</b>

"LET US  
BE COUNTED;  
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SOUTH AFRICA  
WE KNOW"

South Africans country-wide, and the people of Blouberg in particular, are once again expected to rise up to the occasion by exercising one of the highest civic duties. The third national census since the advent of democracy takes place from 10 to 31 October 2011, following the previous successes in 1996 and 2001.

During the Census Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) will deploy 120 000 officials dressed in yellow bibs across the country to document all people, including illegal immigrants. Along with the census, people will also be asked about their access to services such as water, electricity and sanitation. It is out of this information that estimations will be made of whether South Africa is making progress or not; and therefore give knowledge of what needs to be done going forward.

The Census, which is expected to cost about R1.2 billion, will consist of three questionnaires - one for households, the other for institutions and the third for people in transit

"It is for their own benefit that our people avail themselves to be accounted as residents of Blouberg. The population figures are used for, among the countless benefits, determining how much equitable shares the Municipality should be given; grading of the Municipality; and is vital for planning by all spheres of Government. As we did with the 2010 FIFA World Cup and the 2011 Local Government Elections we invite and expect the people of Blouberg to ensure that the Census is a resounding success," the Mayor of Blouberg, Councillor Serite Sekgoloane, said.







# 2010/11 AND 2011/12 CAPITAL PROJECTS PROGRESS REPORT

NAME OF PROJECT	BUDGET	PROGRESS
<b>2010/2011 PROJECTS</b>		
Desmond Park internal streets/storm water	R3,450 000	35% The project is being delayed as contractors requested that the contract be reviewed .
Witten internal streets/storm water	R4,100,000	100% complete
Eldorado Sports Complex Phase2	R9, 800,000	Contractor currently busy with the concrete columns of the grand stand. Layers for the combination courts have been completed
Eldorado Satellite Office	R3 000 000	Still 15% no progress made thus far
Alldays Multi Purpose Centre comprising of community hall; offices and taxi rank shelter(2009/10 project)	R3,500,000	92% complete
Ga- Mochemi Electrification Project (480 units)	R4,600,000	100% complete and energized
Ga – Nailana Electrification Project (87 units)	R1, 920,000	100% complete and energized
Morale Electrification Project (100 units)	R,200,000	100% complete and energized
La-Rochelle Electrification Project (10 units)	R100,000	100% complete and energized
Hlako B Electrification Project (180 units)	R1, 200,700	100% complete and energized
De Villiersdale Electrification Project (195 units)	R1,720,000	100% complete –Eskom currently capturing data for the customers before they are activated
Kgwale Electrification Project (99 units)	R1,694,000	100% complete and energized
Vienna Electrification Project (150 units)	R2,100,000	99% complete- The process of installing bulk mitres is in progress
Mashamaite Electrification Project (99 units)	R1,414,000	100% complete and energised
Sadu Electrification Project (120 units)	R2,200,000	100% complete and energized
<b>2011/2012 PROJECTS</b>		
Senwabarwana EXT 5 Electrification Project	R5,000,000	Site handover meeting was held on 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2011.
Witten Extension Electrification Project	R3,250,000	Tender Stage
Hananoa Electrification Project	R1,200,000	Tender Stage
Alldays (Speaker Park) Internal Streets and Storm water extension	R7,200,000	Tender stage
Puraspan Internal Street and Stormwater Extension	R7,500,000	Tender stage

# SECOND WORLD WAR VETERAN RECEIVES AN ID FIRST TIME IN BLOUBERG



Home Affairs Deputy Director General (Finance), Rudzani Rasikhinya and the mayor of Blouberg, Cllr Serite Sekgoloane hand over the ID document to war veteran Seduma.

The life of a 90 year old will never be the same again thanks to The Department of Home Affairs in Limpopo. The Department handed over an Identity Document to Mr. Pheaha John Seduma on Tuesday, 3 May 2011 at Driekoppies Village, in the Blouberg Local Municipality. Mr. Seduma is a Second World War veteran who was deployed in the Middle East in 1941 to provide first aid services as well as to train new combatants on how to use machine guns. Mr. Seduma never had an old identity

document (dompas) or the new bar-coded identity document. The only identification he had was his exemption certificate which he received when he was discharged from his military service. His exemption certificate got burned when his house was gutted by fire. Whilst he was in that ordeal, he lost his sight and is predeceased by his wife.

The mental sharpness of this 90 year old is so intriguing because he can vividly recall his personal brigade number and some of his colleagues' names as well.

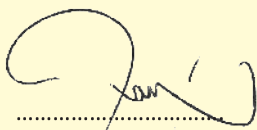
"After retiring from the army, I looked after a farm belonging to a farmer who was working at Sasol. His farm was near Limpopo River at a point where people were crossing", he explained. "I later fled to Botswana because the apartheid government of South Africa was accusing me of aiding and abetting transit of the South African revolutionary forces into Botswana. My life was then in serious jeopardy", he commented sadly. "I don't have the bicycle I received from the army any more", he laughed it away.

Mr Seduma is staying in a RDP house with his daughter and grandchildren. As an aged person living with blind disability, he depends on hand-outs from her daughter who also has other responsibilities of her own. The supply of food parcels was curtailed due to lack of identification to validate his citizenship. Home Affairs was able to intervene in Mr Seduma's dilemma during its National Population Register Campaign which started in March 2009. The Mayor of Blouberg Municipality applauded the Home Affairs Department for the job well done. The identity document will enable Mr Seduma to access government aid, among other things, like any other citizen of South Africa. South African Social Security Agency( SASSA) official were there to immediately register Seduma for the social grants.

## NOTICE OF APPROVED INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN/BUDGET 2011-2016

Notice is hereby given that the 2011 - 2016 IDP/BUDGET of the Blouberg Local Municipality was approved in terms of the Local Government : Municipal Systems Act, 32 of 2000. Copies of the approved IDP/BUDGET documents are available at the following offices : Senwabarwana Head Office; Alldays Satellite Office; Eldorado Satellite Office; Tolwe Satellite Office; Mamadi Traditional Office; Seakamela Traditional Office; and Makgato Traditional Office. The IDP/BUDGET 2011 – 16 is also available on the municipal website on [www.blouberg.gov.za](http://www.blouberg.gov.za).

Enquiries should be directed to the office of the Acting Municipal Manager to the attention of Messrs Masama Jacob and Kgorane MJ at 015 5057 100; Fax 015 5050 296 or e-mail : [masamaj@blouberg.gov.za](mailto:masamaj@blouberg.gov.za)/[kgoranej@blouberg.gov.za](mailto:kgoranej@blouberg.gov.za).



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# BLOUBERG LAUNCHES AIDS COUNCIL

Over 5 million people in South Africa are HIV positive, this despite Government's massive campaigns to create awareness; destigmatise and educate people against HIV which include LoveLife; Khomanani; Soul City and Soul Buddyz . On the 29 March 2011 Local Aids Council was launched in Blouberg in a bid to intensify the fight against HIV and AIDS, a scourge facing the country. The launch was coordinated by Capricorn District Municipality (CDM)

The Council's aim is to provide a necessary institutional mechanism for an integrated local government response to the dreaded disease.

The government has set up AIDS councils at national, provincial and district levels to bring together government services, NGOs and community organisations in the fight continuing struggle to ward-off the devastating effects of HIV/AIDS.

Giving a key note address the Executive

Mayor of Capricorn District Municipality, Councillor Makgabo Mapoulo said the biggest challenge after the struggle for freedom is the fight against HIV/AIDS. He said that the battle against HIV/AIDS cannot be won by a single entity or organization acting alone. "Without stakeholder involvement and a better coordination of the government's effort in fighting AIDS the battle is lost," Mapoulo said before he made a sincere appeal to the youth to refrain from engaging in compromising habits such as abuse of drugs and engaging in unprotected sex. "No family can be built from a tavern. Good families have their roots in Universities and other tertiary institutions while early pregnancy and HIV/AIDS are mostly bred from taverns," Mapoulo advised.

The Blouberg Local Aids council consists of 30-member team drawn from different institutions including government departments, Traditional Authorities,

business NGO's within the Blouberg area with Mayor Cllr Serite Sekgoloane on the driving seat. Part of their responsibilities will be amongst others to:

- Coordinate and support local implementation of the National Strategic Plan for HIV/AIDS
- Monitor and evaluate AIDS programmes within Blouberg Municipality
- Coordinate and build partnerships and ensure effective communication with all relevant stakeholders
- Collate and distribute information necessary for the effective implementation of HIV and AIDS responses within Blouberg
- Get involvement in the Blouberg Municipality's IDP planning and implementation
- Support local role players within the Blouberg municipal area who are providing HIV and AIDS services



Members of the Blouberg Aids Council pose for a picture with the Capricorn District Executive Mayor, Cllr Makgabo Mapoulo (black suit).

# THE NEXT FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE DELIVERY (2011 - 2016)

**“BUILDING BETTER COMMUNITIES TOWARDS A NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY... THE JOURNEY HAS BEGUN”.**

## BACKGROUND AND LOCALITY

**T**he Local Government : Municipal Systems Act requires all municipalities to adopt a single, inclusive plan for the development of the Municipality. Accordingly Blouberg Local Municipality (BLM) adopted its plan, the Integrated Development Plan (IDP) for 2011 – 2016 on 20 April 2011. BLM planning is to a large extent guided by the National Spatial Development Perspective (NSDP); the Limpopo Employment and Growth Plan; and the municipal Spatial Development Framework. The NSDP thus seeks to focus the bulk of fixed investment of government on those areas with potential for sustainable economic development, as it is in these areas where government's objectives of promoting economic growth and alleviating poverty will best be achieved. Growth (node) points, population concentration points and strategically located corridors of development are areas prioritised for such bulk fixed investment while the rest of the settlements must be provided with a basic level of services. BLM remains a small Municipality with a total budget of **R147.5m** for 2011/2012. The following projects, and many others which will be added as the IDP is annually reviewed, have been approved for implementation during the term of the Third Council of Blouberg Local Municipality (2011 – 2016):

### 1. ELECTRICITY

In terms of the Millinium Development Goals (MDGs) all households should have

electricity by 2014. In Blouberg all settlements (except one village (Hananwa) inside the Blouberg Mountains and a couple of extensions) have been electrified. Solar panels will be installed on all **Hananwa** households during the 2011/2012 at a total cost of R1,2m. This is followed by a massive programme to electrify all the extensions. 2011/2012 sees the following extensions going live : **Witten; Senwabarwana Extension 5; Puraspan; Pax; Mankgodi; and Sekhung.** 2012/2013 is the turn for **My-Darling; Inveraan; Ga - Mamadi; Letswatla; Springfield; Ga -Kobe; Ditatšu; De-Vrede; Ga – Makgato** (Kromhoek); and **Ga - Modimonthuše.** The last batch of 36 extensions with a total of 1 549 households have been approved for electrification in the 2013/2014 financial year. All these massive developments are courtesy of BLM; Department of Energy (DE); and ESKOM.

### 2. WATER AND SANITATION

By 2015 at least half of the people should have access to sustainable safe drinking water and basic sanitation. (MDG Target). Already over 80% of the settlements in Blouberg have been provided with basic water infrastructure. For 2011/2012 alone, CDM has approved **R31m** for ten major projects of Bulk Water Supply; Reticulation and Refurbishment of Water Schemes for **Tolwe; Ga - Mankgodi; My - Darling; Morale; De Villiersdale; Indermark; Ga – Kobe; Diepsloot; Ga - Mashamaite** and **GA-Mashalane/Dilaeneng.**



For 2012/2013 an amount of **R48.1m** is already earmarked to bring sustainable water to the people of **Ga – Motadi; Aurora B; Tolwe; Senwabarwana; Mokwena Maswikeng; Eldorado; Mokumuru; Inveraan; Marobjane; Makgari; Ga - Moisimane** and **My - Darling.** Plans will be finalised and implemented to source water from the Glen Alpine and Blouberg (Mohlonong) Dams as a long term measure to address poor water sources. By – laws Enforcement Officers have been employed and a programme will now be rolled out to cut off all illegal connections to the main water supplies.

Thanks to the Department of Integrated Human Settlement, sanitation has become one of Government's main priorities. Among the countless sanitation projects approved for the next five years are the refurbishment of **Alldays** pump station and sewer reticulation at a cost of R3m. VIP sanitation at a combined budget of **R7,5m** goes to **Witten** and **Ga – Mamadi** during the 2011/2012 financial year. A further amount of **R11.5m** has been made available to bring a better sanitation to the people of **Bergendal; Tolwe** and **Senwabarwana** through the provision of VIP toilets and upgrading of the sewer systems. A **R1.6m** landfill site project is lined up for **Senwabarwana.** In

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the 2012/2013 **Eldorado** and **Ga - Mamadi** will get VIP sanitation projects of a combined value of **R16m**. The Government of Ireland has come to the party through NGOs by funding a sanitation (**R4.3m**) project for **De Villiersdale**. The project covers the provision of VIP sanitation, water and community gardens.

### 3. ROADS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT

In the last ten years the Municipality has tarred/paved a total of 21.1km of internal streets in various settlements. For 2011/2012 alone the Municipality has approved a total budget of R14.7m to upgrade (pave/tar) internal streets in **Alldays** Speaker Park and **Ga – Machaba** (Puraspan). Application will be launched with the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) for completion of the **Indermark** internal streets Project during the 2012/2013 financial year.

New bus shelters will be constructed across the Municipality at a total budget of **R200,000**.

Added to these is a **R1.7m** budget for repair and maintenance of internal streets; plant and equipment for 2011/2012 only.

The Department of Roads and Transport has approved a budget of **R12m** for the rehabilitation and widening of **Road P94\2** during 2011/2012.

### 4. COMMUNITY SERVICES AND FACILITIES

MDGs 3 & 6 call for improved access to universal education and health. To date the Municipality has built 16 new day care centres. A further day care centre (**R497,000**) is lined up for **Alldays** through funding from De Beers Venetia Mine. Funding will be sourced from all sectors to build day care centres in all settlements.

The **Alldays** Multi – Purpose Centre and Taxi Rank will be upgraded at a total cost of **R1.5m**.

**Alldays** and **Senwabarwana** Cemeteries will also be upgraded at a combined budget of **R2.6m**.

A new **R7.2m** state of the art traffic station will be built in **Senwabarwana** in 2011/2012.

Development of sport will be a priority resulting in sport being played across all special focus groups and on standard facilities. The **Eldorado** Sport Complex will be upgraded at the tune of **R9m** which includes construction of grand stands. A new sports facility will be launched in **Senwabarwana** complete with an artificial pitch.

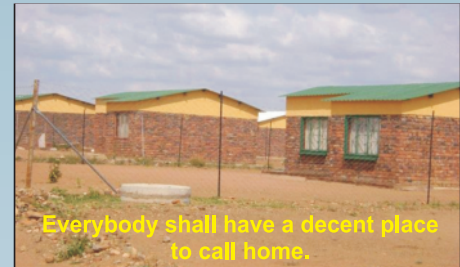
Almost **R15m** has been approved to improve health services across the Municipality including provision of EMS facilities (**R5.7m**); Construction of **Grootdraai** Clinic Phase 2 (**R3.5m**) and **Helena Franz** Hospital Accommodation (**R6.5m**).

### 5. INTEGRATED HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

The next five years will definitely see every deserving household having a decent house. For 2011/2012 new houses will be built in **Tolwe** (100); **Edwinsdale** (50); **Ga - Makgato** (280); **Devrede** (75); **Lovely** (11); **Makgari** (65); **Mokwena** (25); **Ga – Mashamaite** (25); **Setoking** (15); **Burgerrecht** (60); **Pax** (50); **Alldays Extension** (14); **Indermark** (15); **Sias** (10); **Marobyane** (10) and **Mmotlana** (50).

The national; Department of Human Settlements has approved a programme to complete all the blocked projects across the Municipality during the 2011/2012 financial year.

In addition there'll be a massive demarcation of sites (Township



establishment projects) in areas such as **Tolwe**; **Senwabarwana** (Hospital View); **Devrede**; **Alldays** and **Grootpan**.

### 6. LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

For the first time job creation has become one of the major focal areas of the Municipality. The Municipality has budgeted **R982,500** to create **100 jobs** around waste removal; greening and maintenance of cemeteries during 2011/2012 financial year.

Recently focussed jobs and job opportunities have been created at **Inveraan** (200); **Diepsloot** (100) through funding from a programme called Community Works Programme funded by the Department of Cooperative Governance & Traditional Affairs; and over **1200** EPWP jobs were created across the Municipality through funding from the Department of Roads & Transport.

Two main shopping complexes have been approved for construction at **Senwabarwana** and **Eldorado**. The complexes will be completed by 2012/2013 and are expected to create massive job opportunities in the short to long term period.

### 7. CONCLUSION WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD BETTER COMMUNITIES.

For detailed information see the Blouberg Local Municipality's IDP (2011 – 2016) obtainable from all the Municipality's offices (**Senwabarwana**; **Alldays**; **Eldorado** and **Tolwe**) and Website ([www.blouberg.gov.za](http://www.blouberg.gov.za)).

# KGOTHA KGOTHE !!!! (JULY - SEPTEMBER 2011)

Ka ntle le dikopano tša Council le Executive Committee dikopano tša makgotla ka moka di tla swarelwa dikantorong tša Masepala Senwabarwana ka mokgwa wo o latelago. Dikopano tša Council le Executive Committee di buletšwe maloko a setšhaba. Le mengwa go bagona.

	July	August	September
Council	28		29
Executive Committee	21	31	
Portfolio Committees		12 - 21	
Ward Committees			15
Mayor – Magoshi Forum			16
Mayor – Chairpersons (Bought Farms) Forum			
Institutional Performance Review Forum	07 - 08	26 - 28	
Ward Committees Forum		02	01
Land Use Management Forum	05	03	
Energy Forum		03	
Water Forum		04	
Housing Forum		04	
Transport Forum		10	
Disaster Management Forum		10	
Waste Management Forum		02	
LED Forum		11	
Tourism Forum		11	
Local Communicators Forum		01 - 17	
Ward Public Meetings			

## ZIEST COMMUNITY GET STATE-OF-THE-ART HEALTH FACILITIES

In an effort to improve access to equality, public infrastructure and health facilities the Limpopo Department of Health and Social Development Dikeledi Magadzi handed over a newly built state of the art clinic to the Blouberg Municipality and the Seakamela Tribal Authority. Villagers used to walk long distances to access health services at the neighbouring village of Gideon. The official handing over of Ziest Clinic took place in April 2011. The clinic will benefit over 5000 community members from Ziest community and

other surrounding areas.

Cllr Seleka Ratladi and Kgosi Seakamela of the Seakamela Tribal Authority received the clinic on behalf of Blouberg Municipality.

The clinic will offer 24-hour advanced health care services and bring much relief to rural women, as it has modern and technologically advanced maternity facilities. It will also offer other health support services such as physiotherapy, optometrist, physician, psychologist, dental therapy and school social work services.

The residents of Zeist thanked government for bringing services to them as they promised. "I am happy that the government has finally listened to our concerns and delivered, I now only need to walk to access the health services," said one excited resident.

Community members were urged to look after the facility. The Tribal office, Department of Health and the Blouberg Municipality planted trees at the clinic as the symbol of the official opening of the clinic.



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