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EMALAHLENI & KWAMHLANGA— The eMalahleni Local Municipality and Thembisile Hani Local Municipality recently celebrated top-performing matric

learners at their Mayoral Academic Awards ceremonies, recognising academic excellence and reaffirming education as a key driver of social and economic development. The eMalahleni ceremony took place on 30 January 2026 at



Executive Mayor, Vusi Nhlapho with the top 10 academic achievers of 2025 during the eMalahleni Local Municipality's Mayoral Academic Awards



Executive Mayor Vusi Nhlapho (left) with overall top achiever Malatji Thabiso Chukudu, his parents, and Speaker Cllr Millicent Shabangu (right)

Council Chamber, celebrating the Class of 2025's top achievers. Outstanding learners from the Class of 2025 disadvantaged schools received special recognition. These awards included laptops, vouchers, bags and certificates, reflecting the municipality's ongoing investment in education and youth development.

The ceremony's highlight was Malatji Thabiso Chukudu from Leonard Ntshunthe Secondary School, who emerged as the overall top learner with a 92% average. Growing up from Ezinambeni under challenging socio-economic conditions, Chukudu delivered an emotional message of gratitude.

"It feels great to be a top achiever of eMalahleni, especially coming from a very disadvantaged background. It was a tough journey, but here we are now. I still can't believe it's me. Respecting my parents has brought me this far," he said.

Addressing the Class of 2026, Chukudu encouraged discipline and consistency. "Fix your attitude, study every day and always pray to God for wisdom," he said.

Executive Mayor Vusi Nhlapho congratulated the achievers, describing them as beacons of hope for the municipality. "These learners must go out there, shine and encourage others. When they reach university level, they must continue to lead and join progressive student movements," he said.

Acknowledging infrastructure challenges faced by some schools, the Mayor praised educators for producing strong results despite difficult conditions.

He added that the matric achievements reflected positively on the municipality as a whole and outlined plans to support struggling learners, curb dropout rates and redirect young people away from illicit activities through both financial and non-financial support. Parents also shared emotional reflections of their children's achievements. Bongani Mahlangu expressed pride in his son's resilience following the loss of his mother. "Even though he lost his mother, he put all his effort into his books. I am grateful that the municipality hosted this event and I hope he will receive a

bursary as he prepares to study at Wits University," he said.

On the same day, Thembisile Hani Local Municipality hosted its Annual Mayoral Academic Awards in KwaMhlanga, recognising the Top 10 matric achievers, the best-performing circuit (Thembisile Hani East), and the Top 5 secondary schools. Awards included trophies, certificates, laptops and vouchers.

Top-performing secondary schools including Extension K and Zidobhele achieved a 96% pass rate, Musa recorded 98%, while Bophelong Secondary School and Sele and Mpumelelo Secondary Schools achieved a perfect 100% pass rate.

Among top learners, Angie Fortunate Ntuli from Phumzile Secondary School achieved seven distinctions and a 94% average. She plans to study a Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting at the University of Cape Town and was also recognised as a top achiever among quintile 2 schools. Ntuli expressed gratitude for her mother's support and reflected on her achievement.

"I appreciate my mother for being my pillar of strength. She motivated me even during difficult times," Ntuli said. "I am excited to study at UCT and ready to work hard to make my family and community proud."

The municipality reported steady improvement in matric results over the past four years, with the pass rate rising from 67,7% in 2022 to 81,6% in 2025. Of the 5,262 learners who wrote matric in 2025, 4,121 passed.

Acting Municipal Manager Walter Mtshweni emphasised education as central to the municipality's long-term vision. "The vision of building Thembisile Hani Local Municipality into a city starts with building education. With the results we are getting, we are moving in the right direction," he said, urging graduates to return and contribute skills to their communities.

Executive Mayor Lesetja Dikgale reiterated the municipality's commitment to positioning Thembisile Hani as a centre of academic excellence. "We have taken a decision to make Thembisile Hani a centre of academic excellence. We will use education as a catalyst to develop our people," Dikgale said.



Thembisile Hani Local Municipality Executive Mayor Lesetja Dikgale (centre) with overall top achiever Angie Fortunate Ntuli from Phumzile Secondary School.



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By Pastor Chuck Swindoll

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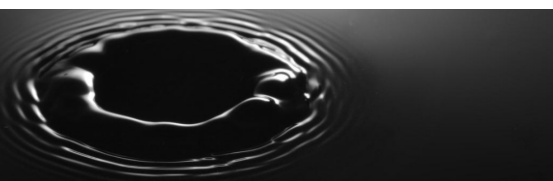
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'34% can't be right': eMalahleni unemployment reality tells a different story

Mayor Vusi Nhlapho leads an employment drive initiative

ZINHLE MASILELA
EMALAHLENI — Hundreds of unemployed residents gathered at the eMalahleni Banquet Hall to register for the municipality's Unemployment Database Programme. This initiative is led by Executive Mayor Vusi Nhlapho to link job seekers with work opportunities. Many welcomed the programme, describing the database initiative as a positive step. Long queues formed as early as 6 o'clock in the morning with residents arriving from wards across eMalahleni in the hope of being captured on the database. Ward 8 resident Millicent Khoza described the initiative as a move in the right direction. "This programme gives everyone a fair chance," she said, expressing hope that it could help address unemployment more transparently. Executive Mayor Vusi Nhlapho

expressed serious concern about the rising levels of unemployment in eMalahleni, noting that the municipality could no longer rely solely on official statistics without addressing the lived reality of residents. "This platform will be used going forward to assist job seekers in accessing employment opportunities while also preventing the exploitation of unemployed residents," said Mayor Nhlapho. He added that the database would also serve as a verification tool to distinguish between local residents and non-residents of eMalahleni, ensuring that local communities are prioritised. "It's sad to see the reality of how many people in eMalahleni are unemployed. The 34% reflected in the statistics cannot be the correct number. Seeing the

turnout here today shows that the figure is far higher," the Mayor said. While the database has raised hope, many residents said they want to see tangible job opportunities, fair access and genuine prioritisation of local communities by both government and businesses. The event held on 05 February 2026 also became a platform for residents to raise concerns about unemployment, exclusion and alleged unfair labour practices. Ward 8 resident Bridgette Magubane raised concerns about the vulnerability of women seeking work, alleging sexual exploitation by some employers. "As a female when you go to companies to look for employment, the men in higher places want to sleep with us, promising to employ us," she said. Concerns were not limited to traditional employment sectors. Creative arts practitioner Baxolile

Masemola said the theatre space used by creatives is in poor condition and that artists are often told to pay for upgrades themselves. "How are we supposed to pay for services when we are unemployed?" she asked, calling on the municipality to acknowledge and support the creative sector.

Samkelo Khubeka criticised mining companies operating in eMalahleni, accusing them of failing to give back to the host communities. "Parks are vandalised, yet we have mines blasting on a regular basis. None of them have done meaningful corporate social investment in our city," he said.



Hundreds of community members gather for a public engagement session, highlighting unemployment issues.



Community members registering for the unemployment database program.

Delmas community wants wheel of justice to move faster for raped 5-year-old

RODNEY HLATSHWAYO
DELMAS — A 19-year old Bongani Muzimbe accused of raping his five-year-old niece has had his case transferred from Delmas Magistrate's Court to the Regional Court, where the matter is now scheduled for 08 April 2026. The accused has been in custody since August 2025. Speaking outside court, Nhlanhla Sunnyboy Nkosi, the child's father, said the family hoped the matter would now progress. "The victim appears to be coping, but the case has taken a long time," he said. "We hope that justice will be served as the matter moves forward." Nomsa Nkosi from Delmas First Women said the transfer of the case to the Regional Court was a positive development. "The fact that this matter has been transferred to the Regional Court gives us hope that justice will be served," Nkosi said. She further encouraged victims of rape and gender-based violence to report

incidents and seek assistance. "Victims should not remain silent." Some members of the community, Delmas First Women and the ANC Women's League gathered outside the court during the proceedings with placards reading, "No Bail for Rapists." They are demanding stronger action against sexual offences involving minors. The case has appeared several times before the Delmas Magistrate's Court and was previously postponed to allow police to finalise investigations and for the State to complete pre-trial preparations. Some earlier delays drew criticism from community members and civil society groups calling for faster progress in cases involving sexual offences against children.



Members of the Delmas community, Delmas First Women and the ANC Women's League hold placards outside the Delmas Magistrate's Court on 4 February 2026 during the court appearance in a child rape matter that was transferred to the Regional Court.

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MP Economic Development and Tourism and NYDA give R4-million grant to 31 youth-led tourism businesses

● KATLEGO MKHONTO

MBOMBELA — About 31 youth-owned tourism businesses in Mpumalanga recently received R4-million worth of grant funding through the Mpumalanga Tourism Youth Fund (MTYF) ceremony.

The ceremony was hosted on 30 January 2026 by the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development and Tourism in partnership with the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA). It aims to strengthen their participation in the province's tourism economy by supporting young entrepreneurs in expanding and sustaining their businesses.

Mpumalanga MEC for Economic Development and Tourism, Jesta Sidell, said the funding followed a rigorous application process after the department advertised the opportunity last year.

“Funding alone is not enough. Sustainability, skills development and proper business management are just as

important if these businesses are to grow and create jobs,” Sidell said. The department's partnership with the NYDA is intended to ensure long-term sustainability, not just financial support.

She explained that the fund is designed to support youth who are already contributing meaningfully to tourism through diverse products and services, particularly in rural and township areas where opportunities have historically been limited.

“As government, in partnership with the private sector, we have a collective responsibility to provide economic stimulus packages geared towards propelling our youth-owned enterprises to participate meaningfully in the mainstream economy. Accordingly, the MTYF is one catalytic intervention which will serve as a strategic weapon for [the]

government in its quest to uproot the stubborn triple challenges of poverty, unemployment and inequality,” said MEC Sidell. The beneficiaries operate in various parts of the tourism sector, including accommodation, tour operations to creative and niche tourism services.

NYDA's Executive Chairperson Dr Sunshine Myende, shared a commitment to ensuring that young people are active participants in economic development. “Our mandate as NYDA is to advance youth economic participation and empowerment. Partnerships such as this one in Mpumalanga, which establishes a dedicated provincial youth fund, are a powerful model for turning that mandate into a tangible opportunity. Mpumalanga is commended as one of the few provinces to have established such a dedicated youth fund. It is our sincere wish that many other provinces will follow this exemplary lead,” said Dr Myende.

Post-investment support for the funded businesses will be delivered through a collaborative approach involving Small Enterprise Development and Finance Agency,

Standard Bank and other key stakeholders. This support will include financial literacy and compliance training, business advisory services, mentorship and linkages.



MEC Jesta Sidell and her team from the Mpumalanga Department of Economic Development and Tourism (DEDT), together with NYDA Chairperson Dr Sunshine Myende, pictured with beneficiaries of the Mpumalanga Tourism Youth Fund during the grant handover ceremony in Mbombela.

King Nyabela Hospital road completion deadline keeps shifting

● LUCAS SHONGWE

MIDDELBURG — Patients, taxi operators and residents travelling to the newly built King Nyabela Hospital in Steve Tshwete Municipality are still using a rough, dusty access road months after the facility became operational. This is after the provincial Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport extended its completion deadline.

The road project was originally scheduled for completion by 19 December 2025, the deadline for the road has now been pushed to February 2026. This delay means that motorists, taxi drivers and pedestrians must navigate a damaged gravel road that runs through an open field behind the Middelburg Mall, raising concerns about vehicle damage, dust and access to healthcare services.

“I don't understand why these delays because we are struggling driving here,” said a taxi driver known as Sphola. “We have to replace ball joints now and then because of this road, can they [government] please help us.”

The hospital was officially handed over to the Department of Health before the access road was completed. The relocation from the old hospital to the new facility

began on 30 October 2025, and by 19 November 2025, all services had moved and were fully operational at the new hospital.

During a previous engagement, the department said the R9,6 million project started in May last year and it was supposed to be built by the Steve Tshwete Municipality. “When the request was made to the province in 2024, the budget could only be available in the current financial year 2025/26, after the hospital was built,” said department spokesperson Bongani Dhlamini at the time.

After the original completion date passed, *Highveld Chronicle* decided to reach out for clarity on delay. Dhlamini said, “The asphalt surfacing subcontractor closed on the 12th of December (construction holidays) so surfacing had to wait for them to come back,” he said. “We anticipate completion in February, the contractor needs 2 weeks to repair rain damages and 1 week for surfacing, if weather permits.”



Taxis and ambulances drive on the same road to the newly constructed King Nyabela Hospital in Middelburg, as the department pushes back the completion deadline.



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PUBLIC NOTICE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICIAL LIBERTY COAL STAKEHOLDER FORUM

Liberty Coal (Pty) Ltd (**Liberty Coal**) hereby gives notice of its intention to hold public engagement meetings for the purpose of establishing the official Liberty Coal Stakeholder Forum.

As Liberty Coal moves to consolidate all mining operations within Optimum Colliery and ramp up the mine's production rate, the need to establish formal structures of engagement is important to ensure cordial and cogent relations with all stakeholders of the mine.

Liberty Coal's commitment to empowering change in our communities remains firmly rooted in our vision for a better Steve Tshwete region, and as such it is important that a consultative process to establish formal community engagement structures is held.

The Liberty Coal Stakeholder Forum will be a robust platform for communities to engage with Liberty Coal from time to time in order to ensure ongoing engagement in community initiatives and our commitments to long term, sustainable mining and empowerment of our host communities.

Working together with the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, through the LED Office, Liberty Coal aims to establish a wholly representative Stakeholder Forum that will be constituted by representatives of all wards, sectoral interest groups, traditional leadership and corporate stakeholders.

The Community Engagement meetings will be held under the following detail;

Date	Time	Venue
16 February 2026	10:00	Pullenshope Community Hall
17 February 2026	10:00	Hendrina Cosmos Hall
18 February 2026	10:00	Nzunza SiRudla Traditional Council (Kwa-Malemane)
19 February 2026	10:00	Rockdale Community Hall
20 February 2026	10:00	Hlalamnandi Community Hall
23 February 2026	10:00	Mhluzi Community Hall

Members of the community and interest groups who wish to form part of this engagement are hereby invited to contact the STLM LED Office in order to register for participation.

RSVP to :

STLM LED Office: Sifiso Mochitele 013 249 7007 or sifisom@stlm.gov.za

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Young entrepreneur turns meat door-to-door sales into a livestock farming business Prettygirl Integrated Farm

● RODNEY HLATSHWAYO

DELMAS — On the outskirts of Delmas, where job opportunities are limited and youth unemployment remains stubbornly high, 20-year-old Nokwanda Prettygirl Msomi, is setting up Prettygirl Integrated Farm — not as a side hustle, but as a professionally registered agricultural enterprise designed to generate sustainable income and employment.

Her journey into agriculture is rooted in early exposure, deliberate training and a conscious decision to treat farming as a regulated, skills-based profession rather than a fallback option. “Agriculture was always around me,” she says. “Even before I knew I would choose it as a career.”

Designed as an integrated operation, the farm is structured to support multiple livestock activities rather than

relying on a single commodity. While still in its early stages, the business is positioned to supply households, small businesses and formal markets.

Msomi's connection to agriculture began long before she owned land or registered a business. She grew up in a household closely connected to farming. Her father works at Afgri Animal Feeds, exposing to the commercial side of livestock nutrition, while her mother previously worked on a farm and her grandmother kept cattle in earlier years, and fruit trees were a permanent feature at home.

It was in 2021 when Msomi began selling meat door to door in her community. What might have appeared as a temporary hustle served a more strategic purpose

for her. Through informal sales, he tested customer demand, learned pricing dynamics and understood local consumption patterns. The income also helped her raise start-up capital.

The experience confirmed her belief that agriculture could work commercially at a local level, while still serving the community directly. Crucially, Msomi never intended to remain informal. After completing her schooling at Swartklip Combined School, she pursued formal agricultural training at eThekweni and Buhle's Farmers Academy. There, she obtained qualifications in animal health, livestock production and layer house management, prioritising technical competence before launching production.

“Passion alone is not enough in farming. If you want access to formal markets and to maintain animal-health standards, you must be trained and compliant,” she says for her training was not symbolic. It was a requirement for credibility, compliance and long-term sustainability.

Using savings from her early trading and with support from her family, Msomi registered Prettygirl Integrated Farm, formally transitioning from informal sales to a professional agricultural enterprise.

Although it is unusual for a small-scale entrant, she prioritised registration and compliance before production began. This allowed her to establish operational systems, biosecurity measures and regulatory structures from the outset.

Operating in a male-dominated sector as a young woman has not been without challenges. Msomi says she was often doubted, with some questioning whether she would see

the project through.

Instead of being discouraged, she persisted. Today, the farm is fully equipped, operational systems are in place. Msomi's approach challenges the perception of farming as unskilled manual labour. Her journey positions modern agriculture as a business that demands planning, compliance and technical expertise — qualities often overlooked in discussions about youth employment.



Young farmer Nokwanda Prettygirl Msomi

IMAGE: Nokwanda /Facebook

Langa Energy Suppliers is keeping eMalahleni lights on during power outages

● PORTIA NKAMBULE

EMALAHLENI — A locally owned solar engineering company, Langa Energy Supplies, is helping residents and businesses in eMalahleni secure backup power systems. The company, founded by local engineer Mpho Mokwena, says demand has surged as power outages threaten livelihoods, food security and healthcare.

eMalahleni has seen prolonged outages affect small businesses and households. Business owners report losing stock and income during blackouts. Families also struggle to keep food fresh and essential devices running. “Seeing long-standing family businesses in eMalahleni close their doors because they couldn't survive the 12 hours of daily outages made it clear that solar was no longer a luxury; it was a survival tool,” said Mokwena.

The Langa Energy story began in 2021, as an unregistered project with a simple goal of helping neighbours survive the sudden increase in load shedding. As the demand for reliable power grew, the company formally registered in October 2022.

The company mission became personal when they saw how power cuts affected the vulnerable. Recently, they helped a resident who relies on a medical ventilator. When the local substation failed, the installed solar battery system reportedly provided 14 hours of backup power.

Since 2022, Langa Energy has aimed to

follow national installation and safety standards. The company is registered with the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB). “Our CIDB registration is a badge of trust. It means we follow strict national standards for safety and quality, giving clients peace of mind that their high-voltage installations are legal and insured,” said Palesa Halane, the company's Marketing Coordinator.

Mokwena says installations are designed to account for heavy dust, which can reduce panel efficiency if not properly managed, because the company operates in a coal-mining area. The businesses offer six-month

payment plans to help small businesses afford installation. “We see ourselves as the insurance policy for the local economy. Beyond selling panels, we provide energy security,” said Halane. “By keeping the machines running, we keep people employed.”

Whether it is a massive 2,3MW project or a small 5kW home backup, Langa Energy treats every client with the same level of professional care. They believe that everyone deserves a life uninterrupted by power cuts.

“Whether it's a huge industrial project or a small home setup, our process remains the same. To us, a homeowner's lights are just as mission-critical as a factory's production line,” Halane said.



12 kW residential housing

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS Section 24G Environmental Authorisation Application in terms of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998 for clearance of indigenous vegetation for gold bearing process facility, Delmas, Victor Khanye Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province

Notice is hereby given, in terms of Section 41 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations of 2014, (as amended in 2017) read with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998) (NEMA) of the following: **The applicant, Miya Portia-Rosa Nothando**, is applying for Environmental Authorisation (EA) in terms of Section 24G of the NEMA 107, 1998 for clearance of indigenous vegetation for gold bearing process facility, Delmas, Victor Khanye Local Municipality, Mpumalanga Province (Coordinates: 25°59'20"S 28°39'24"E). Section 24G Environmental Authorisation Application will be submitted to the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA) for consideration For more information, to raise any initial issues or concerns or register as an Interested and Affected Party, please contact Umhlaba Sesive at the contact details provided below: Umhlaba.wesive288@gmail.com Cell: 079 723 7579

NOTICE OF VARIATION FOR ATMOSPHERIC EMISSION LICENSE (AEL) APPLICATION 'SIYANDA SMELTING & REFINERY (PTY) LTD TRADE AS RST SPECIAL METALS' AS PART OF CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT OF AEL MANAGEMENT is in the process of applying for a variation of their atmospheric emission license for the Plant, in terms of Section 21 and 38 of the National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act (Act No. 39 of 2004) read with GNR 893 248 of 22 November 2013 as a listed activity according to Category 4 (Metallurgical Industry), Sub-category 4.1 (Drying and Calcining), Subcategory 4.6 (Basic Oxygen Furnaces), Subcategory 4.9 (Ferro-alloy Production), Subcategory 4.10 (Foundries), Subcategory 4.11 (Agglomeration Operations) & Sub-Category 4.21 (Metal Recovery). 'Siyanda Smelting & Refinery (Pty) Ltd trade as RST Special Metals' is situated at Cnr. Nelson Mandela Drive and N11 (Hendrina Road), Middelburg Industrial. The site falls within the jurisdiction of the Nkangala District Municipality. General Coordinates of the plant: North south: -25.789507° East west: 29.501659°

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Three reasons why Kaizer Chiefs will not win the league and CAF Confed Cup

Kaizer Chiefs have the league and CAF Confederation Cup but do they really have a good enough team to win either?

Kaizer Chiefs were in the running to win an unlikely treble earlier this week, but those chances quickly diminished. After winning four consecutive matches across all competitions in 2026, Amakhosi climbed to second place in the Betway Premiership and positioned themselves well to advance to the knockout stages of the CAF Confederation Cup. However, with

rivals Orlando Pirates winning their game in hand midweek, the Glamour Boys dropped to third place, now trailing their Soweto rivals by five points. On Wednesday evening, 04 February 2026, Chiefs suffered their first defeat of the year, losing 2-1 to Stellenbosch in the Nedbank Cup round of 32. Amakhosi had won the trophy last

year, and many believed the team could defend the title that took them 13 years to secure.

Reasons Kaizer Chiefs may struggle to win the league

Lack of Depth
Having won their opening four matches of 2026 by the same scoreline, questions arose about whether the team's defensive capabilities were genuinely tested. Against Stellenbosch, the Soweto giants were challenged and exposed defensively. The coaches rotated players, but this

strategy backfired, revealing that Chiefs lack the depth needed to win major titles.

No Killer Instinct

Amakhosi have struggled to find the back of the net this season. In the recent match, Mduzuzi Shabalala missed three golden opportunities to score, which could have changed the outcome of the game. For Kaizer Chiefs to secure the league title, they need to improve their goal-scoring and defensive performance. When under pressure, they have failed to keep a clean sheet.

Lack of experience in key positions

In defence, Chiefs lack a strong leader, with Brandon Petersen being the only notable figure. In the midfield and attacking positions, the team does not have a seasoned player who can

inspire younger teammates during challenging moments.

On the other hand, the Pirates have experienced players like Sipho Chaine, Nkosinathi Sibisi, Makhehlene Makhaula, and Deon Hotto, who can lead effectively. These players have won titles and have participated in AFCON and CAF tournaments, providing the necessary guidance to younger teammates.

Mamelodi Sundowns also have experience in their team, having won the Betway Premiership eight consecutive times. If Kaizer Chiefs are to win the league, they need to win at least 12 of their 15 remaining matches.

Will Amakhosi win silverware?

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Kaizer Chiefs squad in training.

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