



**Greater Giyani Mayor Cllr Patrick Hlungwani delivers the 2013-2014 Budget Speech. Looking on is Speaker Cllr Martha Maswanganyi.**

## MUNICIPALITY'S BUDGET LEAPS TO R241,5 MILLION

More than R90 million will be spent on infrastructure projects to boost service delivery, create jobs, fight poverty and address inequalities

**Greater** Giyani Mayor Cllr Patrick Hlungwani recently tabled a R241,5 million Budget for the 2013-2014 financial year as the municipality continued to accelerate its service delivery pace.

The budget represents a R30,5 million or 14% increase compared with the previous financial year's figure of R211,8 million.

The bulk of the budget – about R210,5 million – will come from grants, including equitable shares, the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP), Finance Management Grant (FMG), Municipal Systems Improvement Grant (MSIG),

Integrated National Electrification Programme (INEP), Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) and Local Government Sector Education Training Authority (LGSETA).

The rest of the revenue – about R31 million – will be self-generated by the municipality, with revenue sources including licences; registration of vehicles; house rentals; market rentals; use of sportsfields, library facilities, caravan park, golf course and community halls; sale of refuse bins; sale of sites, etc.

Cllr Hlungwani said of the R241,5 million that will be spent this financial

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

## It all began with a speech

The 2013-2014 financial year promises to be a year of action, action and more action for the Greater Giyani Municipality.

With our annual budget leaping by 14% to R241,5 million, we have in our possession enough ammunition to accelerate service delivery – including the provision of better roads, water resources and electricity – in our communities.

Given the relatively limited resources at our disposal – R241,5 million is welcome but it can never be enough – the municipality is making great strides towards meeting the expectations of residents.

The content of the Budget Speech delivered by the Mayor, Cllr Patrick Hlungwani, on May 24 is another clear indication of this administration's seriousness to meet its public mandate.

No wonder the speech was so overwhelmingly and enthusiastically received by stakeholders across the spectrum.

No wonder *Rito* has devoted no fewer than five pages on projects and programmes articulated in the speech. We hope you will find the special "Budget Speech package" that we have prepared for you informative and enlightening.

Our hearts are filled with pride after one of our best-performing schools – Risinga High – added another feather to its cap by winning the social responsibility category of the Students for the Advancement of Global Entrepreneurship competition and going on to represent South Africa on the world stage in Abuja, Nigeria.

Lastly, may I take this opportunity to congratulate Giyani All Stars on lifting the Mayoral Cup and Mninginisi Brave Ladies for clinching the ladies' category earlier this year.

Those who did not make it should remember that it is not the end of the road.

Until next time!

**Steven S Mavunda**  
Editor



## LETI HUMAKA EHOFISINI YA MEYARA

# Mintirho ya hina yi sungula ku vulavula

I ntsako na kambe eka mina tani hi Meyara wa Masipala wa Greater Giyani ku mi amukela eka phepha-hungu ra n'wina leri mi ri rhandzaka.

Ndzi tlhela ndzi mi amukela eka lembe-ximali ra 2013-2014 leri sunguleke hi siku ra 1 Mawuwani.

Hambi swi ri tano, ndzi rhandza ku teka nkarhi lowu ndzi kombisa leswaku yona n'hweti ya Mawuwani a yi nga hi khomelanga swa kahle ntsena hi ri masipala.

Ndzi vula leswi hi kokwalaho ka rifu ra xitshuketa leri hi vutleleke un'wana wa hina, nhenha ni murhangeri eka mfumo xikan'we ni le ka nhlanguano wa hina wa African National Congress.

Ndzi vulavula hi Comrade Relax Mkhacani Rikhotso, loyi a hundzeke emisaveni hi siku ra 9 Mawuwani lembe leri.

I nga ku moya wa yena wu nga wisa hi ku rhula.

Phepha-hungu leri ri katsa mpimanyeto wa hina wa lembe-ximali ra 2013-2014 lowu andlariweke emahlweni ka huvo-nkulu ya masipala hi n'hweti ya Mudyaxihi lembe-ximali leri nga hundza.

Ha swi tiva leswaku vanhu va ka hina va ni ku langutela lokukulu eka mpimanyeto lowu. Hi andlarile xiviko hi laha mali yi languteriwaka ku tirha ha kona. Makungu ya hina na wona ya le rivaleni.

Loko ha ha ri eka n'hweti ya vumbirhi hi mpfhuka lembe-ximali ra 2013-2014 ri sungurile, swa hi tsakisa ku mi tivisa leswaku makungu ya hina yo hlulukisa doroba xikan'we ni miganga hinkwayo ehansi ka masipala wa n'wina yi ya emahlweni ehandle ko

kavanyetiwa.

Tiprojeke to tala ta ku endla swikontiri eka mapatu lama ngenaka hi le ndzeni ka miti ti le ku yeni emahlweni hi ndlela leyi enerisaka swinene.

Ntwanano lowu nga sayiniwa exikarhi ka masipala na vukosi bya ka Mabunda hi tlhelo ra misava wu tisile ku tshembha eka vaaki vo tala va Greater Giyani hikuva swi ta tisa nhluvuko ni ku ndlandlamuka eka tindzhawu ta vona.

Ha swi tiva leswaku lexi vaaki va xi lavaka i ku vona mintirho ku nga ri ku vulavula na ku sayina ntsena.

Hikokwalaho swa hi tsakisa ku mi tivisa leswaku misingiriko yo humelerisa makungu lawa yi ya emahlweni hi ndlela leyi enerisaka.

Xo hetelela, hi ku tirhisana na hofisi ya Independent Electoral Commission, masipala wu kondleterile mapfhumba yo hlohetela vaaki leswaku va tsarisela ku vhoti lembe leri taka.

Hi nyikerile hi tisefikheti eka wadi 17 na wadi 23 endzhaku ka loko ti kotile ku tsarisa vavhoti vo tala ku tlula ti-wadi hinkwato hi n'hweti ya Khotavuxika.

Hi yisa pfhumba leri emahlweni n'hweti na n'hweti ku tiyisisa leswaku vunyini bya vanhu va ka hina va lulameriwile hi ku vhoti eka nhlawulo wa tiko lowu nga ta va kona lembe leri taka.

Makungu yo kunguhatela emahlweni na wona ya famba kahle.

A hi yeni emahlweni hi tirha swin'we.

**Cllr  
Patrick  
Hlungwani**  
Mayor



## FROM THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S DESK

# Service delivery gathers momentum

**July** 1 marked the beginning of the eagerly anticipated 2013-2014 financial year, which has brought with it a new sense of hope for the majority of our people.

This new hope was triggered largely by the service delivery-orientated Budget Speech delivered by the Mayor, Cllr Patrick Hlungwani, on May 24.

The speech was very specific in outlining the projects to be implemented during this financial year.

This was after the council had laid the necessary groundwork to ensure the smooth and successful implementation of the various projects as planned.

Among other things, the council adopted the IDP Process Plan to assist in the review of the work done during the previous financial year and to plan for the current financial year.

The municipality has not only completed its forward-planning but it has also started to embark on the implementation of a number of projects with accelerated urgency.

What is also of significance is the fact that these initiatives will go a long way towards creating job opportunities for our people and contributing in no small measure to local economic development.

The following are some of the projects that are currently under way:

- The installation of street lights in Giyani Section E;
- The upgrading of the stormwater drainage system and roads in the Giyani CBD;



- The tarring of a gravel road at Nyagelani in Giyani Section A;
  - The construction of the civic centre building, which is at an advanced stage;
  - The tarring of roads at Sikhunyani, Ngobe, Nkuri and Maswanganyi villages;
  - The conducting of a feasibility study on the Shangoni road project, which has been completed;
  - The development of the land acquired through the partnership between the Greater Giyani Municipality and Mabunda Traditional Authority for integrated human settlements. The development will include commercial, residential and other land uses.
  - More than 90% of VIP toilets, which have been funded by MDM, have been completed; and
  - The electrification of more than 2 000 households in new households in some of the 91 villages under the jurisdiction of the municipality is under way.
- It is also worth noting that in terms of the municipal human resources, a legal adviser, public works manager and technical services director have been appointed. We hope that these appointments will go a long way towards ensuring the smooth delivery of basic services to our people.

**G1 Masingi**  
Municipal Manager



The construction of the new block of the Giyani Civic Centre is progressing well.

## ERRATUM

In our Volume 3, 2012 Summer Edition, we inadvertently referred to one of the speakers during an *imbizo* at Nsavulani village as Hosi Nsavulani.

To put the record straight, Nsavulani village falls under Hosi Mahumani. It has been brought to our attention that the person who addressed the *imbizo* and quoted in our front page story was in fact not Hosi Mahumani or someone authorised to speak on his behalf.

We also acknowledge the fact that either Hosi Mahumani or his authorised representative were supposed to have spoken on behalf of the residents of Nsavulani village at the *imbizo* and not by the speaker who was erroneously referred to as Hosi Nsavulani.

As a municipality, we have a responsibility to respect the tribal authority's status quo as determined by the Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlement and Traditional Affairs.

We, therefore, profusely apologise to Hosi Mahumani for the inconvenience and embarrassment this may have caused him and his subjects.

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Greater Giyani councillors listen to the 2013-2014 Budget Speech delivered by the Mayor, Cllr Patrick Hlungwani

# Municipality's budget leaps to R241,5 million

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year, more than R90 million would be channelled to infrastructure projects to improve service delivery, create jobs, address inequalities and fight poverty.

He said a further R10 million would be spent on repairs and maintenance, while R40 million would cover general expenses.

"With these

allocations, we aim to bring about tangible changes to the lives of our people.

"President Jacob Zuma has, through his State of the Nation Address, explicitly given us orders regarding what the government must do to better the lives of our people. Our long-standing objectives are to reduce poverty, create jobs and ensure a better life for all," the Mayor said.

Cllr Hlungwani noted that the Budget came at a time when the economy seemed to be on its way to a recovery.

"While we acknowledge that the economic outlook of our country is improving, we cannot ignore the reality that our people do not care about the strength or weakness of the economy. All they care about is a realistic service delivery plan, such as the one we are presenting here today.

"With or without the global economic downturn, we are prepared as council to pull together for the benefit of the communities we serve.

"The challenge facing us is whether we will sustain our achievements. But as a municipality and council, we must ask ourselves whether we have the ability, the will and the wisdom to take a giant leap forward in the development of Greater Giyani," Cllr Hlungwani said.

The Budget Speech was applauded by most opposition parties.

It was described as "clear and relevant" to the challenges facing the municipality.

"In future we would like the delivery of the Budget Speech to be done the way it was done today because it touched on all the areas that are relevant," said Mackson Rikhotso of Ximoko Xa Rixaka.

'As a municipality and council, we must ask ourselves whether we have the ability, the will and the wisdom to take the giant leap forward' – Cllr **Patrick Hlungwani**



# Municipality

## in a turnaround

**The** Greater Giyani Municipality has approved a turnaround strategy to address a number of challenges facing it, including the skills gap and lack of institutional capacity.

Speaking during his Budget Vote, Greater Giyani Mayor Cllr Patrick Hlungwani said there was "a significant improvement as far as the integration of sector priorities and projects into the municipality's Integrated Development Plan (IDP) was concerned".

"We received a medium rating in terms of the credibility of the IDP and we plan to improve from this rating in the coming financial year," he said.

Cllr Hlungwani also said the municipality had embarked on an "Operation Clean Audit" drive in line with "the Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs' established structures which support and capacitate municipalities to handle their budgets.

He said he was "happy to report

that the progress made so far is promising".

Referring to the R14,9 million that was falsely reported in the mainstream media to be missing, Cllr Hlungwani said: "We are working very hard to retrieve long-lost data that will more likely provide answers for the Auditor-General, and thereby clear us."

He said the fact that the municipality received a disclaimer in 2012-2013 financial year was a cause for concern "because there were serious [issues] raised in the report, especially on key controls," which needed to be corrected.

He also hailed the land deal between the Mabunda Royal Family and the municipality, which saw the release of vast tracts of land for development in Giyani.

"The agreement will bring great development in the municipality. We would like to urge other traditional leaders to follow suit," Cllr Hlungwani said.

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## Charter charts the way forward

In a new bid to achieve a clean audit by 2014, the Greater Giyani Municipality approved an audit committee charter to guide a four-member audit committee on the matter.

The charter was presented during a council sitting in Giyani recently.

Greater Giyani Mayor Cllr Patrick Hlungwani said the committee was established by the Mopani District Municipality to look into the finances of all the five municipalities under its jurisdiction. These are Greater Giyani, Greater Tzaneen, Greater Letaba, Ba-Phalaborwa and Maruleng.

"The audit committee has already been appointed by the district. It has been there all along but because we did not have a charter it was not effective, hence the development of the document.

"We needed to have an operational framework within which we could interact with the committee members," he said.

The first party to signal its approval of the document was Ximoko Xa Rixaka.

The motion was seconded by Cllr Abraham Manganyi of the African National Congress.

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**The Risinga High School Choir performs after the delivery of the 2013-2014 Budget Speech.**

# Miti ya 2 000 'yi ta kuma gezi eka lembe-ximali leri'

Rivoni ra  
"Apollo".

Xikombiso xa swihambukeko swa le  
handle leswi nga ta nyikeriwa  
10 000 ya miti.



**Ku na** ntshembho lowukulu  
leswaku vugevenga  
emigangeni ya Greater Giyani byi ta  
ya ehansi swinene endzhaku ka loko  
masipala wu kombisile leswaku wu ni  
makungu ya ku dzima timboni ta "ti-  
Apollo" etindzhawini leti nga na xiphiti-  
phiti.

Loko a karhi a vulavula hi nkarhi  
wa mpimanyeto wa timali ta masipala  
ta lembe-ximali ra 2013-2014, Meyara  
wa Greater Giyani, yena Tatana Patrick  
Hlungwani, u vurile leswaku masipala wu  
na makungu ya ku dzima rivoni rin'we  
ra "Apollo" eka muganga wun'wana na  
wun'wana laha ku nga na vukosi.

Hi ku ya hi yena, varhangeri va ta  
fanela ku boxa laha va lavaka leswaku  
timboni leti ti va kona, va karhi va tekela  
enhlokwani laha vugevenga byi nga tala  
kona.

"Gezi a ka ha ri nkateko ku fana  
na nkarhi wa xihlawu-hlawu, kambe i  
mfanelo leswaku ri va kona. A hi nge he  
tlheriseli mhaka leyi endzhaku; vanhu va  
ka hina va fanerile va kuma swilo swa  
kahle," ku vula Tatana Hlungwani.

"Swa hi tsakisa ku boxa leswaku eka  
lembe ximali leri, hi ta dzima timboni ta  
muxaka lowu eka khume ra miganga leyi  
nga na tihofisi ta vukosi eka masipala wa  
hina.

"Hi vekile ntsengo wo ringana  
mamiliyoni-nharhu ya tirhandi leswaku hi  
kota ku fikelela xikongomelo lexi."

Meyara u yile emahlweni a kombisa  
leswaku masipala u vekile khume-mbirhi  
wa mamiliyoni ya tirhandi ku ngenisa  
gezi eka tindzhawu letintshwa leti  
tumbuluxiwaka emigangeni ya 91 leyi  
nga ehansi ka masipala wa Greater  
Giyani.

"Leswi miganga ya hina ya 91 yi  
nga na gezi, ha tinyungubyisa ku vula  
leswaku miti ya 2 000, ku katsa na miti  
leyintshwa, yi ta ngeniseriwa gezi hi  
lembe ximali ra 2013-2014," ku vula  
Hlungwani.

U boxile leswaku masipala eka  
lembe ximali leri wu nyikiwile 10 000  
wa swihambukelo hi Masipala wa  
Xifundzha-Ntsongo xa Mopani. Leswi  
swi vula leswaku hi lembe-ximali leri,  
swihambukelo leswi nga ta akiwa eka  
Masipala wa Greater Giyani swi ta  
ringana 10 316.

"Leswi swi vula leswaku hi le ku yeni  
emahlweni hi ndlela ya kahle loko swi ta  
eka timhaka ta mbhasiso.

"Hi tata ku khensa eka Masipala wa  
Xifundzha-Ntsongo wa Mopani xikan'we  
ni Ndzawulo ya swa Ntshamiseko wa  
Vanhu lava hi nyikeleke hi 10 000 wa  
swihambukelo," ku gimeta Meyara.

## Nkayivelo wa mati wu le kusuhi na ku hela - Meyara

Nkayivelo wa mati eka Mapuve ni le  
switandini swo fana na Siyandhani, Nkuri na  
Dzingidzingi, xikan'we na doroba ra Giyani,  
wu le kusuhi swinene na ku hela.

Leswi swi vuriwile hi Meyara wa Greater  
Giyani, Tatana Patrick Hlungwani, hi nkarhi  
lowu a nyika mpimanyeto wa swa timali ta  
lembe-ximali ra 2013-2014 eGiyani.

Tatana Hlungwani u vurile leswaku ntila  
wa tiphayiphi ta mati lowu taka hi le ka  
Mapuve wu le kusuhi na ku hela ku akiwa.

"Hi tshembha leswaku ku hela ka ku akiwa  
ka ntila lowu swi ta herisa swiphiko swa mati  
eka Mapuve na le migangeni ya le kusuhi,"  
ku vula Tatana Hlungwani.

Hambi swi ri tano, u lemukisile vaaki  
leswaku va hlayisa xiakiwa lexi, a tlhandlekela  
hi ku vula leswaku swin'wana swa swiphiko



The construction of the Sikhunyani tarred road is under way.

## Road infrastructure backlog 'receiving serious attention'

The Greater Giyani Municipality has written to the Limpopo Department of Roads and Transport requesting it to intervene as a matter of urgency in the provision of road infrastructure on some of the major arteries within the municipality.

Many residents have in the recent past taken to the streets in protest against the backlog in the provision of road infrastructure, especially on key arteries such as Siyandhani-Nkuri, Homu 14B-Vuhehli, Thomo-Hlomela and Babangu-Msengi.

The residents have demanded that the roads be either regularly maintained or turned into tar.

"We cannot downplay the seriousness of the backlog we are having in as far as road infrastructure is

concerned," Greater Giyani Mayor Cllr Patrick Hlungwani said during his 2013-2014 Budget Speech.

He also said there were still several regional roads within the municipality's boundaries – including Shangoni and Mageva Kheyi roads – that had not been tarred.

"With the delay in the implementation of intermodal transport system by the Department of Roads and Transport, we have set aside a budget to reconstruct the pothole-prone road between the Giyani CBD and Masingita filling station," the Mayor said.

The municipality has budgeted to spend more than R40 million in the 2013-2014 financial year on the construction and maintenance of roads and bridges.

swa ku kayivela ka mati swi vangiwa hi vukhamba, ku hoxa tiphayiphi swi nga ri enawini na matirhiselo yo biha ya mati.

Meyara u tlherile a kombisa leswaku ku yiviwa ka michini yo pompa mati xikan'we na tintambhu ta gezi i swin'wana swa swivangelo swa ku kayivela ka mati.

U vurile leswaku hi nkarhinyana wu ntsongo ku yiviwile ntsevu wa michini yo pompa mati – yinharhu eka Muyexe, wun'we eka Sikhunyani, wun'we eka Nkuri (Tomu) na wun'we eBambeni.

"Hikokwalaho ka leswi, hi kombela vaaka-tiko leswaku va veka tihlo eka nhundzu leyi.

"Hi ta ya emahlweni hi tirhisana na

maphorisa ku vona leswaku nhundzu leyi ya hlayseseka," Hlungwani a ya emahlweni.

U tlherile a kombisa leswaku hi ku khomisana na Masipala wa Xifundzha-Ntsongo wa Mopani, Masipala wa Greater Giyani wu ta tirhisana na va ka Eskom ku ngenisa michini ya gezi yo pompa mati.

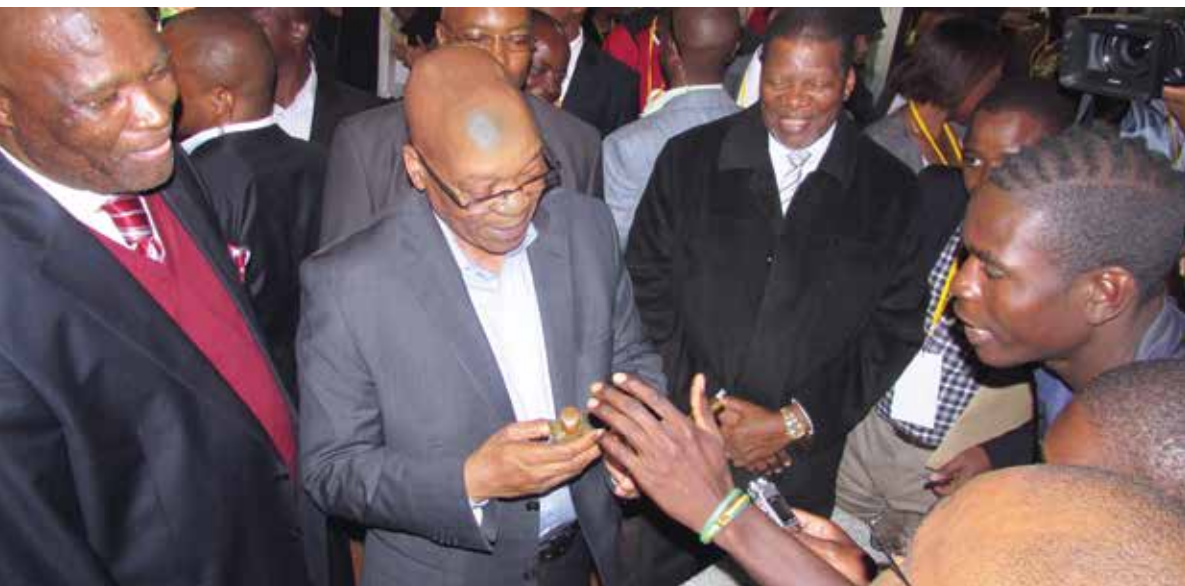
Leswi swi tisiwa hi ku yiviwa ka michini yo pompa mati ya dizele.

Meyara u tlherile a vula leswaku ku akiwa ka ntila wa tiphayiphi ta mati to suka edan'wini ra Nandoni ku ya eGiyani wu le xikarhi ka ku hela.

Loko wu fika emakumu mati ya ta kumeka nkarhi hinkwawo emigangeni ya Greater Giyani, ku gimeta Meyara.



Vamanana va ka Siyandhani va huma eku keni ka mati exikolweni xa le henhla xa vurimi xa Kheto Nxumalo, kusuhi na Giyani.



**Entrepreneur Andile Mkhacwa sells a perfume to the president during his visit to Muyexe.**



**A clinic being built at Muyexe. It was one of the projects the president visited.**



**Hatlani Muyexe High School learners Casey Shibambu and Sharon Mathebula show President Zuma how technology has improved their lives. Primary school learners have each been provided with an iPad.**



# President Zuma visits

**Four** years after declaring it a presidential pilot project under the Comprehensive Rural Development Programme (CRDP) – triggering a series of developmental projects – President Jacob Zuma recently returned to Muyexe to find the village had changed for the better. But unfortunately, a few of the old challenges and niggling problems still persist.

The president's visit to the village – about 40km from Giyani – was part of the Presidency's Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Programme to gauge the pace of service delivery throughout the country.

Accompanied by a number of ministers and MECs, President Zuma visited several developmental projects and

spoke to community members to hear what they had to say about developments and challenges facing their area.

He also met Hatlane Muyexe High School learners, who told him that there were many youths in the village who had passed matric but could not further their studies because of financial constraints.

A dismayed President Zuma responded: "That cannot happen because our government is very much aware of that challenge and has developed some means, such as FETs (Further Education and Training colleges), to address it."

He instructed his officials to take down the names of the matriculants in question so they could be registered at FET colleges next year.

The president also interacted with several project owners, including members

of a perfume-making cooperative run by the youth.

He advised his team to assist with the marketing of the project so it could grow.

To support the business, President Zuma even bought seven bottles of perfumes at R80 each.

Members of the Macena Gardening Project told him how the severe water shortages being experienced in the village were affecting their yields.

In his response, President Zuma said the residents' problems would soon be a thing of the past as a pipeline – from Nsami Dam – was currently being installed.

"We expect that pipeline to address all your water issues," he said.

He also promised the community that all the problems they had raised during his visit would be attended to as soon as



**Some of the members of the Macena Gardening Project with President Zuma and Agriculture Minister Tina Joemat-Pettersson.**

# Muyexe

possible.

Ndabezitha Muyexe [Ben Maluleke] asked the president to keep his promise and address the remaining challenges in the village.

"There are many things that remain a challenge here, such as roads, water supply and many others. We would be happy if these could be addressed as promised," he said, thanking the president for the progress made so far in the village.

As far as education is concerned, it was clear that the presidential pilot project has brought about significant change in the lives of learners. High school learners have each been provided with a laptop computer to help them to study, whereas those in primary school have been handed iPads.





**Tatana Hlungwani na xipano xakwe va ti lulamisela ku penda khumbi ra xikolo xa Pfunanani.**

# Vamasipala va pfuna xikolo xa Pfunanani

**Meyara** wa Greater Giyani, yena Tatana Patrick Hlungwani, xikan'we ni Mufambisi-Nkulu wa Ndzawulo ya Dyondzo wa Xifundzha-Ntsongo xa Mopani, yena Dr Livhuwani Mafenya, va endzerile xikolo xa vatsoniwa xa Pfunanani eGiyani hi nkarhi wa ku tlangela siku ra ku velekiwa ka khale ka Mupresidente wa Afrika Dzonga, yena Tatana Nelson Mandela, hi ti 18 Mawuwani 2013.

Clr Hlungwani na Dr Mafenya, xikan'we ni maphorisa, va endzerile xikolo lexi ku ya basisa ni ku penda xikan'we ni ku rhwalela maphepha ku xixima mintirho ya Tatana Mandela eka malembe ya 67 lawa a nga va tirhisa ku lwela ntshuxeko ni vululami.

Pfunanani i xikolo xa vana lava tsoniweke emiehleketweni. Vana lava a va tsakile ngopfu ku vona Meyara xikan'we ni xipano xakwe loko va ri karhi va tirha hi khinkhi ni ku tiyimisela.

Eka mbulavulo wa yena, Dr Mafenya u kombisile leswaku pfumba leri ri pfunile swinene hikuva ri va nyikile nkarhi wa ku vona leswi vana va xikolo xa Pfunanani va swi endlaka.

U komberile leswaku vaaki va seketela mintirho ya vana va xikolo lexi.

"Vana lava va endla swa mintirho ya mavoko leswi lavaka ku seketeriwa hi hina. Loko vanhu va ri na ntlangu lowu lavaka makhekhe kumbe swikontsi, a va xavi exikolweni lexi.

"Hi ku endla tano, hi ta va hi ri ku fikeleleni mpimanyeto wa mfumo wa ku thola 2% ya vatsoniwa emintirhweni," ku hlamusela Dr Mafenya.

Clr Hlungwani yena u vurile leswaku masipala va swi vonile leswi lavekaka exikolweni lexi.

U tlherile a kombela nhloko ya xikolo, yena Tatana Samuel Ndlhovu, leswaku a tsala xikombelo lexi nga ta kombisa hi laha xikolo lexi xi navelaka ku pfuniwa ha kona.

"Ndzi vonile loko hi ri karhi hi penda leswaku tihostele a ti nga ri eka xiyimo xa kahle. Ndza tshembha leswaku xikombelo xa nhloko ya xikolo xi ta kombisa swin'wana hi mhaka leyi," ku vula Clr Hlungwani hi ku tshembhisa ku pfuna.

Tatana Ndlhovu u khensile ntirho lowu endlweke hi Masipala wa Greater Giyani, Xiyenge Xa Dyondzo xa Xifundzha-Ntsongo xa Mopani xikan'we ni maphorisa, hi ku seketela siku leri.

"Pfumba leri ri hi pfunile swinene. Hi tata ni ku nkensa loko Meyara va kombisile leswaku va navela ku hi pfuna," ku gimeta Tatana Ndlhovu.

Pfumba leri ri katsile xibedlhele xa Vuxakeni na Irish Orphanage Home laha mintlawa leyi a yi rhangeriwile hi Xipikara xa khansela, Manana Martha Maswanganyi, na Ximoko-Nkulu, Tatana Jabu Chavalala, yi nga basisa na ku byala mirhi.



**Mininjhere wa Masipala wa Greater Giyani, Tatana Gezani Masingi, ni vatirhi-kulobye ePfunanani.**



**Xipikara xa Greater Giyani Martha Maswanganyi (wa vunharhu ku suka eximatsini) exibedhilele xa Vuxakeni.**



**Ximoko-Nkulu Jabu Chavalala na vakhanselara van'wana va Greater Giyani va byala mirhi hi Mandela Day.**

# Masipala wu kuma ndzhawu yo chulula kona malakatsa

**Masipala** wa Greater Giyani wu kumile ndzhawu leyi malakatsa lawa hlengetiwaka ku suka eka tindzhawu to hambana-hambana eGiyani ri nga ta chululeriwa kona.

Hi ku ya hi Nector Mabunda, Mufambisi wa swa Mbangu ni Mafambiselo ya Malakatsa, pfumba leru ri ta pfuna ku endla leswaku mbangu wu tshama wu hlayisekile.

"Ndzhawu leyi yi ta tiveka tani hi 'landfill site'. Yi nyikiwile mpfumelelo leswaku yi kota ku sungula ku tirha endzhaku ka loko vulavisisi hinkwabyo byi endlwile hi yona," ku vula Mabunda.

U kombisile na leswaku Masipala

wu le ka xiphemu xo sungula xo lulamisa ndzhawu leyi.

Hi ku ya hi Mabunda, xiphemu lexi xi katsa ku biyeriwa ka ndzhawu leyi leswaku yi ta kota ku hlukukisiwa ku ya emahlweni.

"Hi tlherile hi endla na ndzhawu yo xavisela kona swibye leswi nga ha tirhaka.

"Leswi swi vula leswaku swingolongondwana leswi fikaka eka 'landfill site' leyi swi ta hlawuleriwa hi vukheta ku vona leswi nga ha tirhaka. Leswi swi vula leswaku ku ta va ni vatirhi lava nga ta endla ntirho lowu loko lori yo chulula malakatsa yi fika," Mabunda a ya emahlweni.

U tlherile a kombisa leswaku vanhu a va nge kumi ko chela

malakatsa ntsena, kambe va ta tlhela va va ni ndzhawu yo cincisa swingolongondwana leswi nga ha tirhisiwaka.

"Ku hlawulela swilo leswi swi ta pfuneta leswaku 'landfill site' leyi yi nga tali tani hi leswi swingolongondwana swin'wana swi nga ta tlherisiwa.

"Leswi swi ta hunguta ni ku cukumetiwa ka swilo hikuva vanhu va ta va va tiva leswaku swingolongondwana swin'wana swa cincisiwa," Mabunda a ya emahlweni.

Ku vonisisa leswaku "landfill site" yi fambisiwa kahle, ku katsa na mbangu hi ku angarhela, Masipala u thori le mulanguteri loyi a nga ta vonana ni timhaka ta mbangu ntsena.



# SANParks donates R800 000 computer lab to rural school

**Limpopo** is poised to become South Africa's mining hub and learners in the province must fully prepare themselves to seize the opportunities that this significant economic development will bring about.

This was said by former Limpopo MEC for Education Dickson Masemola during a handover of a state-of-the-art computer laboratory to Masiza High School at Mbaula village, near Giyani, recently.

The laboratory, which boasts 32 computers and cost R800 000 to establish, was donated by the South African National Parks (SANParks) as part of its Corporate Social Investment (CSI) programme, which is targeting disadvantaged schools bordering the Kruger National Park.

In his address, Masemola, who is now MEC for Public Works, said all eyes were now on mineral-rich Limpopo as gold and coal mines in Gauteng and Mpumalanga respectively were being depleted. He urged learners to prepare for the mining revolution in the province.

"The mineral economy of our country is now changing focus to Limpopo. The South Africa of tomorrow will not be economically dependent on Gauteng because gold there has been depleted.

"In Giyani we have discovered gold. We have coal in the Waterberg and Vhembe districts," he said.

The MEC said coal was running out in Witbank and that coal



**Masemola and Greater Giyani Mayor Patrick Hlungwani with some of the learners in the new computer laboratory.**



**Kruger National Park Managing Executive Abe Sibiya with Masiza High School learner Tiyani Mavundza in the new computer laboratory donated by SANParks.**



companies had to reduce production to save jobs.

"All roads are now leading to Limpopo – South Africa's future economic hub.

We don't want to see you tomorrow become spectators of your own economic development ... you must be ready to take charge of this economic shift," Masemola said.

Kruger National Park Managing Executive Abe Sibiya said previously SANParks's approach to community development was to provide access to benefits accruing from its business.

"We have now, in line with our new vision of 'connecting with society', added a CSI programme through which

we have begun to provide facilities and resources that can benefit the whole community," said Sibiya.

Masiza is the first school to benefit from the programme.

"Our aim now is to improve socioeconomic conditions of the rural poor in areas bordering the park. We will also be working with municipalities to identify and develop these communities," he said.

Masiza High School Principal Mfundhisi Mabunda said the school welcomed the laboratory as it would help learners to access information.

"It will also help us to ensure that each and every learner at this school is computer literate," he said.

**"Our aim now is to improve socioeconomic conditions of the rural poor"**

# Risinga represents SA in global event in **Abuja**

**A group** of learners from Risinga High School, one of the major winners in the national Students for the Advancement of Global Entrepreneurship (SAGE) competition, recently represented South Africa in the SAGE World Cup 2013 in Abuja, Nigeria, where they showcased their entrepreneurial skills among their peers from around the world.

SAGE is an international non-profit organisation that connects secondary school learners to mentors from universities and businesses.

The school was the winner of the competition's social responsibility category.

The learners' project – staging events and organising shows and using the profits for social responsibility purposes – was voted the best idea in the category.

Speaking during a visit to the school ahead of the learners' departure to Nigeria, former Limpopo MEC for Economic Development, Environment

"It has helped them to understand that they have to be part of the solution to create jobs"

and Tourism Pinky Kekana said SAGE's objective was to prepare the learners to stand for themselves and create jobs for others.

"In this programme young people become innovative and identify initiatives that will help create jobs or provide sustainable income for themselves," she said.

Explaining the idea, Tiyani Chavalala, the leader of the group said: "We buy food parcels, clothes, blanket or whatever we may deem necessary to help a particular family using part of the income we earn from staging shows and organising events. So far we have helped more than 100 families with either clothes or food parcels," he said.

Another Limpopo school that represented the province and South Africa in the 2013 edition of the SAGE World Cup was Dendron High, winner of the entrepreneurial category. The school's learners won the category for their jam-making project using tomatoes.

Speaking at the event, Risinga High School Principal Moses Maswanganyi said the programme helped learners to understand the socioeconomic challenges facing the country.

"It has helped them to understand that they have to be part of the solution to create jobs. This programme encourages



**Risinga High School learners during a visit by former MEC for Economic Development, Environment and Tourism Pinky Kekana.**

learners to take the initiative," he said.

Steven Maringa, Manager of Man'ombe Circuit, applauded the school for its achievement and commended the educators for their hard work.

"These children are where they are today because of your efforts. Let's continue to work and make these children our national assets," he said.



**Risinga High School learners show off their prizes. With them are Greater Giyani Mayor Cllr Patrick Hlungwani, former MEC Pinky Kekana and other well-wishers.**

# Giyani yi kuma xitichi xa xiya-ni-moya

Meyara wa Greater Giyani, yena Tatana Patrick Hlungwani, u vula leswaku ku fika ka xitichi xintshwa xa xiya-ni-moya lexi tivekaka hi

Giyani Community Radio (GCR) i mhaka yo saseka swinene tani hi leswi xi nga ta pfuna masipala ni vaaki.

Loko a ri karhi a vulavula hi nkarhi wa swakudya swa na madyambu eOasis Lodge eGiyani, Meyara u amukerile xitichi lexi, a vula leswaku i nkarhi wo leha

Giyani yi ri hava xitichi xa xiya-ni-moya xa yona.

"Ku rindzela loku se ku fikile emakumu. Vaaki va Giyani va ta kota ku nyika mavonelo ya vona eka timhaka leti va khumbhaka ku fana ni matiko man'wana. Hina

tani hi mfumo hi na ntshembho leswaku xitichi lexi xi rhangeriwile hi vanhu lava nga na xivono xa ku tirhela rixaka," ku vula Meyara.

U yile emahlweni a vula leswaku leri i pfumbha ra nkoka leri nga ta lemukisa vaaki hi timhaka leti va khumbhaka hi mayelana ni vukorhokeri.

U tlherile a vula leswaku na masipala wu ta kota ku fikisa vuxoko-xoko bya mfumo bya nkoka eka vaaki.

U kombisile na kambe leswaku ku na swilo swo tala leswi mfumo wu swi endleka ku hluvukisa vaaki kambe vuxoko-xoko a byi va fikeleli hi ku enela.

Ku seketela mhaka leyi, khale ka Holobye wa Ndzhawulo ya swa Mafumelo na Timhaka ta Xintu, yena Tatana Richard Baloyi, u kombisile leswaku va masipala va fanerile ku va na minjhekanjhekisano leswaku va ta kota ku lulamisa swiphiko leswi nga sivelaka mimbilelo ya vukorhokeri.

**EHEHLA: Khale ka Holobye wa Ndzhawulo ya swa Mafumelo na Timhaka ta Xintu Tatana Richard Baloyi**

**EHANSI: Mufambisi wa Vuxavisi wa Giyani Community Radio Clifford Moraba, Tatana Baloyi na Mufambisi wa Xitichi Prenomen Chabani**



**Greater Giyani municipal workers take a donkey to a pound after it was found wandering in the town's CBD.**

## Municipality swoops on illegal traders, stray animals

The Greater Giyani Municipality is getting tougher on illegal traders and stray animals.

With the support of the South African Police Service, the municipality recently raided the town's central business district (CBD), arrested several hawkers and impounded 46 head of cattle found roaming in the streets.

According to municipal spokesperson Steven S Mavunda, the municipality was also planning to rid the CBD of illegally constructed structures.

"However, this has legal implications. But we are in consultation with our legal adviser on how we can go about this matter," he said.

Mavunda said the reason for the clean-up campaign was to make the town attractive for investors.

"So far we have 920 hawkers who are operating legally and are in possession of permits. That number is even too much for a small town such as ours. That is why there's a need to control the influx of hawkers into the CBD," he said.

"From now on we're going to give each and every legal hawker a card for easy identification," he continued.

Mavunda added that the sale of raw meat in the streets would also be classified as illegal trading because of health implications.

"People who are found selling it will face the full wrath of the law," Mavunda said.

He warned that the raids would continue and that they would take place unannounced.

"There are areas where hawkers are not allowed to trade at all. If we don't introduce control measures, we might end up having hawkers trading even in the mall, which will chase investors away," he said.

The 46 head of cattle impounded during the raid have all been claimed by their owners.

# MAYORAL CUP TOURNAMENT IN PICTURES



Giyani All Stars players celebrate after winning the Mayoral Cup.



Mayor Cllr Hlungwani with a netball team.



Greater Giyani Mayor hands out medals to Giyani All Stars players.



Giyani All Stars (in yellow kit) try to find a way past Mninginisi Mighty Stars’ defence. The Giyani outfit won the match 4-2 on penalties to lift the tournament’s trophy.



Greater Giyani Council Chief Whip Cllr Jabu Chavalala tosses a coin to mark the start of the Mayoral Cup. He is flanked by local sports council chairperson Austine Makamu and Acting Director of Community Services Kaizen Maswanganyi Kaizen



**A section of the crowd that watched Mayoral Cup Games at Giyani Stadium recently.**

# Giyani All Stars lift Mayoral trophy

**Giyani** All Stars beat Mninginisi Mighty Stars 4-2 on penalties to lift the Greater Giyani Mayoral Cup for the fourth time at a jam-packed Giyani Stadium recently.

This was after the two teams were locked in a 1-all stalemate at the end of extra time.

The exciting Ward 11 side smiled all the way to the bank after collecting a cheque for R15 000, while the Mninginisi lads were pleased to pocket R10 000 for their gutsy efforts.

Their painful loss to Giyani All Stars was somewhat cushioned by the sterling performance of their crafty home girls, Mninginisi Brave Ladies, who went on to beat Loloka City Farmers 2-0 in regulation time to claim the R10 000 first prize in the women's final.

The well-known Ward 16 ladies' soccer team has previously represented both Greater Giyani Municipality and Mopani District Municipality at provincial level.

Loloka walked away with the R8 000 second prize on offer.

The organisers of the thrill-a-minute tournament made sure that no team that reached the semifinals went back home empty-handed.

In the men's soccer category, the second runners-up received a cheque for R8 000 whereas the third runners-up



**The captain of Giyani All Stars lifts the trophy as Greater Giyani Mayor Cllr Patrick Hlungwani looks on.**

walked away with R6 000 plus soccer balls.

In the ladies' category, second runners-up received R6 000 plus soccer balls.

Greater Giyani Mayor Patrick Hlungwani said the main aim of the tournament "is to contribute to the development of sports in the entire municipality through the support of talent among youth".

He congratulated both the losers and winners, and urged those who did not make it to work harder next year.

"That you have lost today does not mean it is the end of the world. You still have time to come back here next year and do better than you did this year," he said.