



Greater Giyani Mayor, Cllr Patrick Hlungwani, and his officials with children of Phikela Early Learning Centre.

Mayor takes residents into his confidence

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Considerable progress has been made in the delivery of basic services since the advent of democracy almost 20 years ago.

This was said by Greater Giyani Mayor Cllr Patrick Hlungwani during a recent visit to Phikela village, where he toured several community projects and assessed the impact of the municipality's service delivery in the area.

Cllr Hlungwani said that despite numerous challenges facing the democratic government, there was a notable improvement in service delivery compared to the pre-1994 era.

"I am sure you will agree with me when I say that before 1994, services such as electricity and sanitation were unthinkable in rural communities," he said.

He assured the community that the municipality would do everything in its power to ensure that all its grievances and aspirations were adequately addressed.

The residents had complained about bad roads and the lack of jobs, among other major challenges.

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EDITOR'S NOTE



Make your mark; register to vote

In a few months' time South Africans will be celebrating one of the most significant milestones in the country's history – the 20th anniversary of our democracy.

Almost 20 years ago, black South Africans had the opportunity for the first time to elect a government of their choice.

On that historic day, they turned up in large numbers and patiently waited for hours in snaking queues to exercise a right that had been denied them.

It was also the first time in history that a black person – in none other than our revered international icon Tatana Nelson Mandela – ascended to the highest office in the land when he took over as president.

Next year will be the first time that the first generation of "born-frees" or Mandela's children, as people born after 27 April 1994 are called, will vote in a general election.

We cannot think of a better way to celebrate this momentous occasion than to ensure that South Africans come out in large numbers to cast their ballots in the forthcoming elections – the fourth since the advent of democracy.

It is within this context that the Greater Giyani Municipality's voter registration drive, which started in June this year, must be viewed. As we march towards this milestone, we feel it is incumbent upon us as a municipality to ensure that every resident of voting age casts his or her ballot, hence the voter registration drive.

The enthusiasm with which the campaign has been embraced across the spectrum is very encouraging and indications are that the number of newly registered voters might exceed expectations.

Having said that, we would like to encourage you to write to us and raise any issue that catches your fancy. After all, that is what democracy is all about.

Steven S Mavunda

Editor

LETI HUMAKA EHOFISINI YA MEYARA

A hi tirhisaneni leswaku vukorhokeri byi ta antswa

A hi khale hi mi tiserile aphephah-hungu ra n'wina ra vuxika. Eka rona hi kombisile swo tala hi ku tiboha ka hina ku mi tisela vukorhokeri hi ndlela yo antswa.

Hi kombisile hi laha mpimanyeto wa hina wa lembe-ximali leri wu nga ta tirhisawa ha kona ku fikisa vukorhokeri eka vaaki hinkwavo va Masipala wa hina wa Greater Giyani.

Eka phephah-hungu leri ra hina ra nguva leyi ya ximun'wana hi lava ku tlhela hi kombisa ku tiyimisela ka hina ku fikisa emakumu ntirho wo hluvukisa vaaki hinkwavo hi ku tirtha hi khinkhi.

Leswi hi ta swi kota ntsena loko hi tirhisana na n'wina.

Swi fanerile leswaku hi mi kombisa leswaku nhluvuko edorobeni ra hina wu nge fikeleli laha hi lavaka kona loko vaaki va nga hoxi xandla eku hlayiseni ka mbangu.

Tsundzukani leswaku hina hi masipala lowu wu tinyungubysisaka hi ku hlayisa mbangu, vuendzi na vurimi ku tlakusa ikhonomi ya hina.

Hi n'hweti ya Mhawuri hi endzerile tindzhawu ta vaaki to fana na N'wa-Mankena, Sekhoming, Botshabelo, Phikela na Giyani Section E.

Exikarhi ka swin'wana, vaaki va hi vutisile loko hi ri ni makungu yo basisa doroba ra Giyani hi ku angarhela. Va kombisile ku vilela hi ti-zozo leti akiwaka endzeni ka doroba na le malokixini.



**Meyara wa Greater Giyani
Tatana Patrick Hlungwani**

Va vulavurile hi ku thyakisawa ka mbangu hi malakatsa yo fana na ti-phamphasi leti cukumetiwaka ku n'wana na kun'wana.

Hi ri masipala hi kombisile leswaku hofisi ya hina ya swa mbangu na malakatsa a yi nge swikoti yi ri yoxe loko vaaki hi voxe va nga pfuneti ku lwa na nthyakiso wa mbangu.

Pfhumba ra ku lemukisa vaaki hi mhaka leyi ri ta yisiwa emahlweni.

I A ka ha ri xihundla leswaku nhlawulo wa mani na mani wu ta va kona lemba leri taka. Na swona a hi ntirho

wa Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) ntsena ku hlohletela vanhu ku tsarisela nhlawulo.

Hi ri masipala, hi ku tirhisana na va ka IEC, hi ta yisa mapfhumba yo lemukisa vanhu hi nkoka wa ku tsarisela nhlawulo.

Vanhu va ka hina vafanerile ku swi tiva leswaku ku tsarisela nhlawulo swi vula yini eka vona, etindzhawini leti vatshamaka eka tona xikan'we ni masipala hi ku angarhela.

Hi kombela vanhu hinkwavo leswaku va ya tsarisela nhlawulo leswaku hi ta tiyisa na ku kurisa mfumo wa xidemokirasi lowu hi nga wu lwela hi matimba ya hina hinkwavo.

A hi tsariseni hi vunyingi!

Patrick Hlungwani
Meyara

FROM THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S DESK

Service delivery firmly on track

In the Winter Edition of **Rito**, we highlighted some of the progress that has been made as far as the delivery of various projects is concerned.

In this issue, we continue to highlight steps that have been taken or are being taken regarding the implementation of the projects announced by the Mayor, Cllr Patrick Hlungwani, during his delivery of the 2013-2014 Budget Speech in May.

The following is the progress report on some of the projects:

- The building of a restaurant at the Giyani Tourist Information Centre is complete and will be followed by processes to secure a service provider to lease the facility. Read all about it on Page 11 of this publication;
- The construction of an access road to the Giyani Tourist Information Centre is under way;
- The building of a new wing of the Giyani Civic Centre is about 40% complete;
- Contractors have been appointed and are finalising designs and the mapping of villages to electrify more than 2 000 households;
- A policy on spaza shops has already undergone the public participation process and is only awaiting council approval; and
- The Spatial Development Framework is under review. At present, communities are being consulted on the matter.

The following projects are out on tender for implementation:

- The paving of a road at Ndhen'ezza;
- A master plan is being developed for the revitalisation of the central business district (CBD) and adjacent areas;



Limpopo MEC for Roads and Transport Lehlogonolo Masoga puts the new system to the test.

- Contractors are to be appointed for the erection of "Apollo" lights in a number of villages;
- The development of a human settlement at B9 (Makosha) has been formalised;
- A grader to enhance the maintenance of roads to be purchased; and
- Five extra vehicles to be purchased to boost the municipal fleet and improve service delivery.

Having said that, it gives us great pleasure to announce that the recent by-election in Ward 8 to replace the late Cllr Relax Rikhotso was conducted successfully. Makoma Christinah Modjela was elected the new councillor.

Another significant development that took place in our municipality was the

launch of an electronic learners' licences testing system. See Page 13.

The development coincided with the upgrading of the Giyani Testing Station from B to A.

This means that the station will also have the capacity to test heavy duty vehicles and motorcycles.

Finally, as far as the municipality's human resources are concerned, a number of audit and risk officers have been appointed.

We hope these appointments will go a long way towards ensuring improved audit outcomes.



Gezani I Masingi
Municipal Manager

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Meyara a kombela vaaka-tiko ku hlawula vayimeri vo tshembheka



Vaaka-tiko va le Sekhiming va yingisela mbulavulo.



Clifford Rasebotja a hlaya nongonoko wa swivilelo swa vaaki va le Sekhiming.



Vongani Kubayi a vulavula hi nkarhi lowu Meyara a endzerile eSekhiming.

"Loko Presidente Jacob Zuma a tisa tindlu haleno, a nge swikoti ku tlhela a vonisisa ku ri i vamani va pfumalaka ngopfu ku tlula van'wana. Sweswo i ntirho wa vaaka-tiko."

Meyara wa Masipala wa Greater Giyani, yena Tatana Patrick Hlungwani, u tsundzuxile vaaka-tiko va le Sekhiming ku hlawula vanhu lava nga tshembheka eka tikomiti ta nhluvukiso leswaku va ta kota ku papalata vukungundwani eku nyikeni ka mintirho na ku yisa vukorhokeri byi n'wana bya mfumo.

Leswi swi ta endzhaku ka swivilelo hi tlhelo ra swa tindlu ta RDP leti ku vuriwaka leswaku ti nyikiwile vanhu swi nga fanelanga.

Vaaka-tiko va humeserile swivilelo leswi erivaleni hi nkarhi lowu Meyara a endzerile muganga wa vona ku ya kambela timhaka ta vukorhokeri.

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Nakambe vaaka-tiko va vilerile hi ku kala ka mintirho. Va kombisile leswaku vana va vona va le vuswetini lebyikulu hikokwalaho ka ku kala ka mintirho.

Un'wana wa vaaka-tiko lava, Thulas Sithole, u kombisile leswaku minkarhi yin'wana mukhanelara u va byela hi mintirho ku sele siku rin'we ra ku amukeriwa ka swikombelo.

"Vanhu vo tala a hi tirhi, hi va hi ri hava mali yo tsutsuma-tsutsuma hi ya hala ni hala hi lunghisa maphepha lama lavekaka. Mhaka leyi yi fanele yi lulamisiwa," ku vula Sithole.

Vaaka-tiko va engeterile hi ku nyika Meyara nongonoko wa swivilelo.

Un'wana wa vaaka-tiko, Clifford Rasebotja, u kombisile leswaku vanhu va tiko va nwa mati yo dzunga lama humaka ehansi, leswi nga ri ki kahle eka rihanyo ra vona.

"Hi vile na vanhu vo hlaya lava nga tshunguriwa vuvabyi byo tala lebyi vangiweke hi mati yo dzunga. Hi lava mati yo tengu ku suka eka masipala," ku vula Rasebotja.

Loko Meyara a angula eka swivilelo leswi, u komberile tiko ku tiyisela loko Masipala wa Greater Giyani xikan'we na wa Mopani ya ha lulamisa mhaka leyi.

Loko a angula hi mayelana na tibasari, Meyara u kombisile leswaku masipala u vekile ntsengo wo karhi ku vonisisa leswaku hinkwato tiwadi leti ta 30 ta vuyeriwa. Mali leyi yi pfuna lava nga eswikolweni swa le henhla ntsena.

Mayor takes residents into his confidence

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Speaking on behalf of Phikela residents and neighbouring communities, Headman Daniel Ngoveni said the parlous state of roads in the area was the biggest challenge facing them.

"More than anything, we need the roads to be graded as they are in a bad state.

"Buses have even changed the route because of this," he said.

Ngoveni, however, acknowledged the work that had been done by the

municipality in providing clean, safe and drinkable potable water.

But he added that old boreholes needed to be serviced as backup during dry spells.

"As you know, Giyani is a dry area. We need something to fall back on when the water from the dam runs out," he said.

Youth representatives appealed to the Mayor for quality permanent jobs, saying casual or temporary work was unhelpful as it sustained them for a short period.

"When these jobs end, the youths

turn to crime to fund their new lifestyle," said youth leader Basi Mun'wanati.

In his response, Cllr Hlungwani said he would see to it that the roads were expeditiously graded.

"We will also make follow-ups on some of the things that were promised by various departments that are here today to ensure that your needs are attended to," he said.

He promised the community that he would return in three months' time to assess the work and see if the promises made at the meeting had been fulfilled.

Revamped civic centre to enhance service delivery

In a move aimed at creating a conducive environment for effective and efficient service delivery, the Greater Giyani Municipality is expanding its civic centre.

The municipality is building the second administrative wing on the western side of the existing block to address the shortage of office space, which has forced many municipal workers to operate from rented offices in other parts of the town.

Some of the departments that have been affected include Supply Chain Management and Technical Services, which are renting office space at Limdev and Unigaz buildings respectively at a great cost to the municipality.

This move, a result of the increasing number of municipal staff, has negatively impacted on the pace of decision-making and administrative coordination. It has also affected the residents, who sometimes have to pay extra in transport costs to access municipal services as the rented offices are a considerable distance away.

Municipal spokesman Steven S Ma-

vunda said significant progress had been made in the construction of the new office wing, which is expected to consist of up to 50 offices.

The project is being undertaken in two phases.

The first phase, which will cost about R12 million, is expected to be completed in about 10 months from now.

"If things go according to plan, and depending on the budget, we are mostly likely to complete the project by August next year," Mavunda said.

September, 2013



The second wing of the Giyani Civic Centre under construction.

May, 2013



August, 2013



Independent councillor Mkhari wins voter registration award

Petrus Mkhari, an independent Greater Giyani ward councillor, scooped the Best Performance of the Month Award for registering a total of 342 new voters in July. Cllr Mkhari walked away with a floating trophy and R1 000 cash for his efforts.

This came as the municipality intensified its campaign to get more potential voters on the voters' roll ahead of the 2014 general elections.

The municipality had since June this year been encouraging each ward to register at least 100 new voters a month.

Speaking during a ceremony at which Cllr Mkhari, of Ward 27, was presented with his prize, Greater Giyani Mayor Cllr Patrick Hlungwani called on other wards not to despair but to continue working hard.

Cllr Hlungwani said the six-month campaign would culminate in the awarding of a grand prize in November.

"We're going to consolidate the number of new voters that will have been registered since the campaign was embarked upon in June. Whoever will have

the highest total of registered voters will win the grand prize," Cllr Hlungwani said.

The ceremony coincided with a special council sitting to appoint a new municipal electoral officer (MEO).

Municipal Manager Gezani Isaac Masingi was appointed as the new MEO for Greater Giyani. The appointment was supported by members of the opposition, who said he was the right candidate for the position because he was not active in politics.

"We know which party he belongs to but the fact that he is not an active member makes him the right person for the job," said Ximoko Xa Rixaka representative, Cllr Alpheus Makamu, as he moved the motion for approval.

The motion was also supported by other opposition parties such as Democratic Alliance and United Democratic Movement, as well as independent councillors.

Masingi replaces Given Maluleke, who resigned after her contract as the municipality's Director of Community Services expired.

REGISTERED VOTERS IN NUMBERS

According to the IEC, Greater Giyani registered 1 664 new voters in July and a further 2 725 in August.

The August figure ranked among the highest in the province.

The IEC statistics also show that there are seven villages in Greater Giyani that are big enough to form their own wards. These are Siyandhani, Mavalani, Makhua, Ngove, Mageva, Ndhambhi and Thomo.

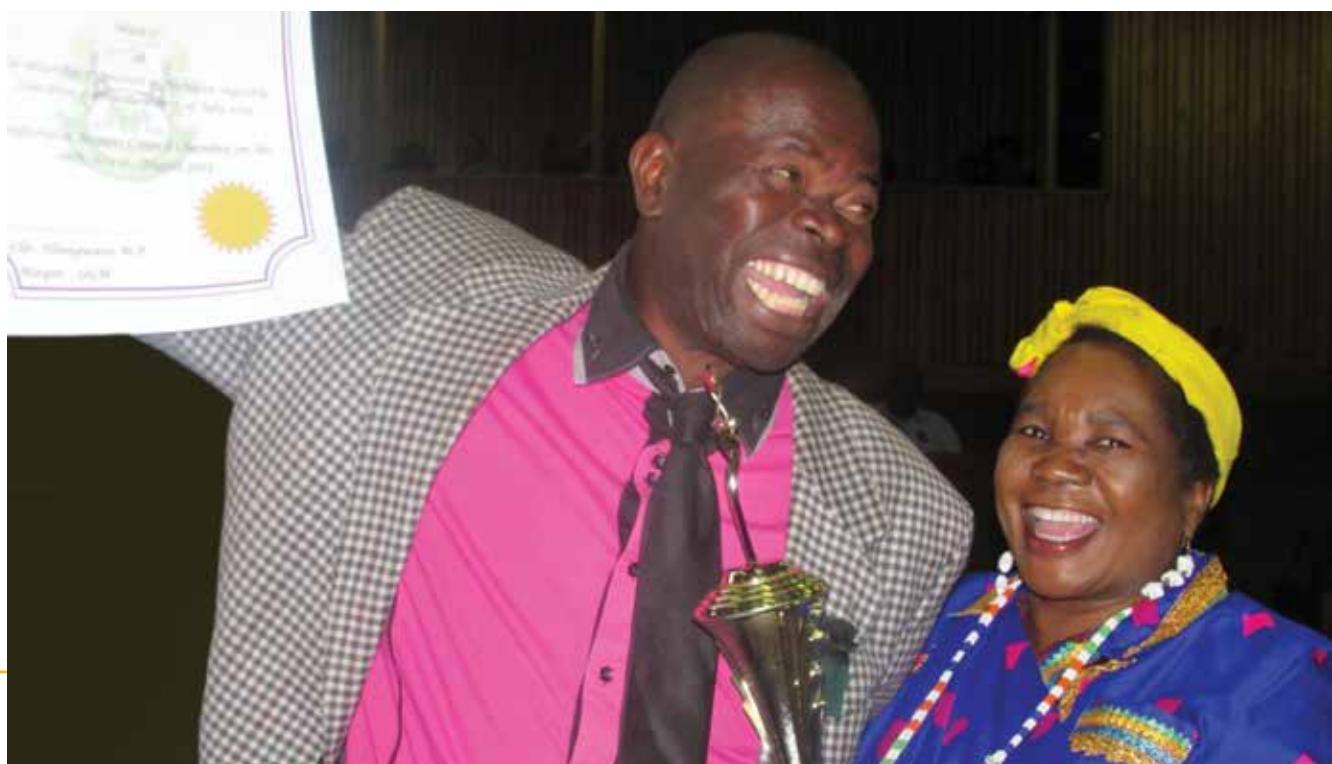
They each have more than 3 300 registered voters, which exceeds the required number of registered voters to be considered a ward by more than 500.

As of 23 September, the ward that had the biggest number of registered voters was Ward 19, with a total of 4 775.

It was followed by Ward 18, with 4 653.

The ward with the lowest number of registered voters was Ward 30. It had, as of 23 September 2013, about 2 596 registered voters.

Cllr Petrus Mkhari, an independent Ward 27 councillor, celebrates winning the Best Performance Award for the Month of July. Joining him in the celebration is Greater Giyani Municipality Speaker Cllr Martha Maswanganzi.





Meyara wa Greater Giyani Tatana Patrick Hlungwani (eximatsini) ni vakhanselara James Ndlovu na Abraham Manganyi hi nkarhi lowu a ku tlangeriwa Siku ra Ndhavuko eGiyani Stadium.

Meyara a kombela leswaku ndhavuko wu hlayisiwa



Vaaka-tiko lava a va tlanela Siku ra Ndhavuko eGiyani Stadium.



Vaaka-tiko va tlanela Siku ra Ndhavuko.

Loko hi vona vanhu va haverile swiambalo swa ndhavuko swi hi tsundzuxa leswi a va hanyisa swona khale.

Ndhavuko wu tirha tanihi nawu wola ya vantshwa na ku tisa ku hlonipheta etikweni. Lowu i ndhavuko lowu Meyara wa Greater Giyani, yena Tatana Patrick Hlungwani, a vulavulaka hi wona.

"Ha swi lemuka leswaku swilo swi hundzukile swinene masiku lawa. Vanhu a va ha ambarisi swona leswi vakhale a va ambarisa swona. Kambe, tanihi mfumo, hi kondletela leswaku vanhu va hlayisa ndhavuko hikuva wu tisa nhlonipho," ku vula Meyaya.

Tatana Hlungwani a a vulavula hi nkarhi lowu vaaka-tiko va Greater Giyani a va hlengeletanile eRivaleni Ra Mintlangu ra Giyani ku ta tlanela Siku Ra Ndhavuko tanihi leswi a ku ri n'hweti ya Ndzhati.

Tatana Hlungwani u kombisile leswaku vanhu va ta va va lahlekeriwa hi nkoka wa ndhavuko loko va nga tivi lomu va humaka kona.

"Ku ve ni minkarhi leyi loko munhu a

ambarile swa xintu a va n'wi teka tanihi munhu loyi a nga dyondzangiki. Hi nga tsaka loko vantshwa vo tinyungubyisa hi ndhavuko wa hina.

"Na namuntla wa ha kuma vana va hina va tsan'wa ndhavuko wa hina hikuva va anakanya leswaku swi va yisa ehansi. A hi va dyondziseni leswaku va nga languteli ndhavuko wa hina ebondheleni," Tatana Hlungwani a vula a karhi a kombela vatsvari ku dyondzisa vana ku xixima ndhavuko.

Loko Gloria Ngoveni, un'wana wa lava a va nghenerile mphikizano wa ku ambala swa ndhavuko, a vutisiwile matitwelo ya yena hi mayelano na leswi nga vula hi Meyara, u kombisile leswaku ku ambala swa ndhavuko i ndlela yo tikomisa vuyenihi xiviri.

"Loko munhu a ambarile swa ndhavuko, u va na swihlawulekiso swa nkoka swinene. Hikokwalaho loko vanhu va ambarile xibelana na tinjhovo eminkhubyeni swi tisa rinoko eka vanhu," Ngoveni a gimeta.



Meyara Hlungwani na vanw'ana lava a va nghenerile mphikizano wa ku tlanela swa ndhavuko eGiyani Stadium.

Risinga shows the world what Mzansi is made of

Risinga High School flew South Africa's flag high at the Students for Advancement of Global Entrepreneurship (SAGE) 2013 World Cup held in Abuja, Nigeria, recently.

Representing the whole of South Africa, the school acquitted itself well in the fiercely contested affair. It clinched the third position overall, beating powerful opponents such as the United States, Great Britain, Russia, South Korea, Canada, Kenya, Singapore and Rwanda.

The week-long annual competition was won by the host country Nigeria, represented by Abuja's Jikwoyi Junior Secondary School, which competed in the social enterprises business category. The second overall position was won by China.

Another African country that fared fairly well in the competition was Ghana, which finished fourth.

The SAGE World Cup is an international entrepreneurship competition in which teenage entrepreneurs from around the world showcase their innovative business and community service projects to a panel of judges.

The competition introduces learners to entrepreneurial initiatives by encouraging them to be innovative and identify opportunities that could help them to create jobs or provide sustainable income for themselves.

Risinga High School – represented by Tiyani Chavalala, Daisy Ngoveni, Bornwise Dube and Tirhani Bila – won the social responsibility business category, beating Nigeria's University of Calabar International Schools into second place.

The group's project involved staging events and organising shows and sharing a portion of the proceeds with a selected needy family.

By clinching the third position overall, the group walked away with \$500 (about R4 950).

In an interview with **Rito** on their return, the elated four learners said their experience during their stay in Abuja was worth more than the prize they won



The four Risinga High School learners who competed in the Students for Advancement of Global Entrepreneurship (SAGE) 2013 World Cup in Abuja, Nigeria, celebrate their achievement with their principal, Moses Maswanganzi (centre). The learners are (from left) Bornwise Dube, Daisy Ngoveni, Tirhani Bila and Tiyani Chavalala.

'The money that the Mayor gave us really came in handy. We don't know how we would have enjoyed that trip without his assistance'

in the competition.

Before their departure for Abuja, Greater Giyani Mayor Cllr Patrick Hlungwani gave each of them R2 000 spending money.

"The money that the Mayor gave us really came in handy. Although R1 gave us 16 to 17 naira, things out there are

way too expensive. We don't know how we would have enjoyed that trip without the Mayor's assistance," said Tiyani.

Outside the competition, the four had the opportunity to learn about the Nigerian culture.

"We also had the opportunity to meet different people from different countries and exchange numbers with them. We hope this will give us an advantage when we go into business abroad in the future as we're already globally connected," quipped Bornwise.

Their principal, Moses Maswanganzi, was over the moon with the group's achievement in the competition.

"If you are in a school where both the educators and learners have a common goal, you are bound to succeed," he said.

20 YEARS OF DEMOCRACY

Greater Giyani Municipality has in the almost 20 years since the attainment of democracy delivered numerous infrastructure projects as part of a long-term strategy of creating a better life for all.

Despite minimal resources because of competing budgetary needs, the municipi-

pality has since its inception upgraded or tarred gravel roads; built bridges; provided housing to hundreds of people; built community centres; provided electricity, street lighting, water and ablution facilities, to mention but a few. Some of the progress that has been made is captured in the accompanying photographs.



New solar street lighting in Giyani.



Inside Shivulani sports centre.



Entrance to the Shivulani sports centre.



A tarred street at Ngove village.



Beatrice Rikhotso next to her RDP house at 14C village.



Buyback centre where waste is recycled.

A family at Koloka village enjoys the convenience of electricity.



Mayor's plea to Deputy Minister Manana: Reopen Giyani College

Greater Giyani Mayor Cllr Patrick Hlungwani recently asked the Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Training, the Honourable Mduduzi Manana, to fast-track the reopening of the Giyani College of Education.

The Deputy Minister was speaking at Letaba Further Education and Training (FET) College as part of the government's programme to encourage matriculants to enrol at FET colleges to improve the number of artisans in the country, which is on the decline.

During his remarks to introduce the Deputy Minister to the audience, Cllr Hlungwani asked Manana to consider reopening the teacher training college.

"Giyani College used to be one of the best teacher training colleges in Mopani and the entire province. We have heard that the Department of Higher Education and Training is considering resuscitating some of the colleges of education in Limpopo. According to the information

we have, the former Giyani College of Education is one of those colleges that have been earmarked for resuscitation," he said.

"As a municipality, we are acutely aware that one of the government's major priorities is education, hence our request for the reopening of Giyani College. We are serious about education.

"We're not saying we're not pleased with the vocational training that is taking place at Letaba FET College. However, as a municipality, we believe we could complement that with what we have in this college by channelling other curriculums to it," he went on.

The Mayor concluded by inviting the management of the Letaba FET College to communicate with his municipality.

"There are many issues that require our engagement, which could improve the lives of the students," he said.

The Deputy Minister had visited Risinga High School before proceeding to the Letaba FET College.

"Giyani College used to be one of the best teacher training colleges in Mopani and the entire province"

Higher Education and Training Deputy Minister Mduduzi Manana addresses learners.



The Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Training, Mduduzi Manana, flanked by Risinga High School principal Moses Maswanganyi (left) and Greater Giyani Mayor Cllr Patrick Hlungwani.

Masipala wu teka goza ro nyanyula vapfhumba



Victor Maake, Mufambisi wa Giyani Tourist Information Centre, ekusuhi na muako lowu nga ta tirha tanhihi hi restaurant. Maake na van'wana a va ri karhi va hetisisa leswi saleke loko muako wu nga se sungula ku tirha.

Ku nga ri khale doroba ra Giyani ri ta va ni ndzhawu yo dyela (restaurant) ya manyunu leyia nga ta koka vapfhumba-rinoko hi xitalo.

Masipala wa Greater Giyani wa ha ku heta ku aka muako lowu ndzhawu leyia yo dyela ya xiyimo xa le henhla yi nga ta tirhela kona.

Muako lowu wu akiwile eGiyani Tourist Information Centre.

Hi ku ya hi Mukhanselara Nomsa Khandlhela, loyi a nga Mutshama-Xitulu wa Local Economic Development (LED), kungu ra ndzhawu leyia ya manyunu i ku ndlandlamuxa ikhonomi ya Greater Giyani hi ku koka vapfhumba rinoko.

"Xikongomelo xa restaurant leyia i ku vona leswaku loko vapfhumba va karhi va lava vuxokoxoko eTourist Information Centre va ta tlhela va kuma na swakudy ka wala kusuhi. Leswi swi ta pfhumbisa na masipala wa hina," ku hlamusela Khandlhela.

U tlherile a kombisa leswaku projeke leyia yi ta endla leswaku vapfhumba va khitikana va ta eGiyani. Yi ta tlhela yi humelerisa xivono xa masipala xa leswaku ku hlayisa mbangu, vupfhumba na vurimi i tipuphu leti na tisaka ku



**Mukhanselara Nomsa Khandlhela,
Nhloko ya Ndzwulo ya Mapulanele
na swa Ndlandlamuko ya Ikhonomi.**

antswa ka ikhonomi.

"Masipala a hi wona wu nga ta fumbisa restaurant leyia. Hi ta kuma van'wamabindzu va wala Giyani lava kotaka ku fumbisa tindzhawu to dyela ta xiyimo to fana na va-McDonald's,

Spur na tin'wana. Ku laveka vanhu lava nga na vuswikoti lebyikulu swinene hikuva xikongomelo i ku koka rinoko eka vapfhumba," Khandlhela a ya emahlweni.

"Ha swi tiva leswaku loko hi ri na ndzhawu yo fana na leyia eGiyani, vapfhumba va ta ta kona ku tlula ku ya kun'wana hikuva va ta swi tiva leswaku a va nga to kuma vuxokoxoko ntsena kambe va ta kota na ku kuma swo miyeta nyoka na ko dzumba kona.

"Hambi swiritano, loko hi nga n'wi kumi munhu wa ku fumbisa ndzhawu leyia laha Giyani, hi ta boheka ku ya ehandle hi ya lava kona," Khandlhela a ya emahlweni.

Loko a vutisiwile hi siku leri restaurant yi nga ta pfula hi rona, Khandlhela u kombisile leswaku leswi swi ta ya hi nkarhi lowu va nga kumaka munhu loyi a nga na swilaveko hinkwaswo, ku katsa na phepha-mpfumelelo ya ku fumbisa restaurant ya muxaka lowu.

U kombisile leswaku a va nga hlawuli ndluwa va siya hove loko va karhi va lava n'wamabindzu loyi. Un'wana na un'wana wa pfumeleriwa ku nghanela mphikizano lowu.



Mufundhisi wo pfuneta Joseph Dibuseng wa Rivers of Living Waters a karhi a nyikela Patroni Mabasa na ndyangu wakwe hi minkumba.



Swirho swa ndyangu wa ka Mabasa swi cina ku kombisa ntsako endzhaku ka ku nyikeriwa hi minkumba.

Kereke yi nyikela ndyangu lowu sweleke minkumba

Mu-Apostola Paul u vurile leswaku loko xirho xin'wana xa miri xi twa ku vava, miri hinkwawo wu ta twa ku vava. Hikokwalaho, swirho hinkwaswo swa miri wa Kreste swi fanerile ku pfunana.

Hi ku landzelela marito lawa, kereke ya Rivers of Living Waters yi nyikerile muti wa ka Mabasa eka Mapuve, kusuhi na Giyani, hi minkumba.

Hi ku ya hi Patroni Mabasa, mutswari loyi a hlayisaka muti wa vanhu vo ringana khume-ntlhanu a ri yexe, vutomi byi sungurile ku fana ni tihela endzhaku ka ku lova ka vasesi va yena vambirhi.

U ti kumile a ri eka xiphiko xa ku hlayisa vana va vona xikan'we na va yena.

Vutomi a byi nonohwa swinene tanihu loko a nga tirhi.

"Loko sesi wa wena a lova, a siya vana, u boheka ku va teka u va hlayisa xikan'we na va wena. Minkarhi yin'wana hi etlela hi nga dyanga nchumu.

"Loko ri xa, hi va hi karhi hi languta ku ri xana swakudya swa siku swi ta huma kwihi? Loko ho tshika hi kumile xinkwa, ku va ku ri swakudya swa le henhla swinene," ku vula Mabasa.

U engeterile hi ku kombisa leswaku van'wana va vana lava a va hlayisaka va tshikile na xikolo hikokwalaho ka ku kala swa le mandleni.



Patroni Mabasa na vana va yena va karhi va nkhensa kereke ya Rivers of Living Waters ku va yi va nyikerile hi minkumba.

U khensile ndhuna ya tiko, yena Ndhabezitha Elias Ndhukwana, ku va va kombile tintswalo.

"Loko ndhabezitha va kuma leswaku un'wana wa vana lava u dyohile, va kombisa ku twisia na ku twela vusiwana," a ya emahlweni.

Loko ndhabezitha, va vutisiwile hi xiymo xa muti wa ka Mabasa, va kombisile leswaku muti lowu wu le ka ntshikelelo lowukulu wa vusiwana.

"Tiko hinkwaro ra wu tiva muti lowu. Lava nga na rirhandzu na tintswalo va pfuneta swinene," ku vula ndhabezitha.

Loko a karhi a vulavula hi ku yimela Meyara wa Greater Giyani, Mukhanselara Tintswalo Baloyi u khensile kereke ya Rivers of Living Waters eku pfuneni ka muti lowu.

U engeterile hi ku kombisa leswaku swa fanela leswaku na tikereke tin'wana ti landzela xikombiso lexi.

"Ha swi twisia leswaku vana va dya eswikolweni, kambe va fanerile va dya hambi loko xikolo xi humile. Leswi swi nga humelela loko na tikereke tin'wana to nyikela," ku vula Manana Baloyi.

Mufundhisi wo pfuneta wa Rivers of Living Waters, Joseph Dibuseng, u vurile leswaku ku chumayela a hi ku vula rito ntsena.

"Hi nga endli swilo hi ku swi sasekisa hi marito ntsena, kambe a hi kombiseni na hi swiendlo. Loko munhu a nyika swi huma embilwini, u va a ri ku chumayeleni. Hi marito ya lawo, ndzi ri eka tikereke tin'wana a hi yeni emahlweni hi pfuna swisiwana," ku vula Dibuseng.

Computerised licensing system aims to curb corruption

A state-of-the-art testing system for learner drivers – the first of its kind in Limpopo – has been launched in Giyani.

Unveiled by Limpopo MEC for Roads and Transport Lehlogonolo Masoga, the new system cuts off any form of contact or relationship between the applicant and the instructor, thereby eliminating possible fraudulent or corrupt transactions.

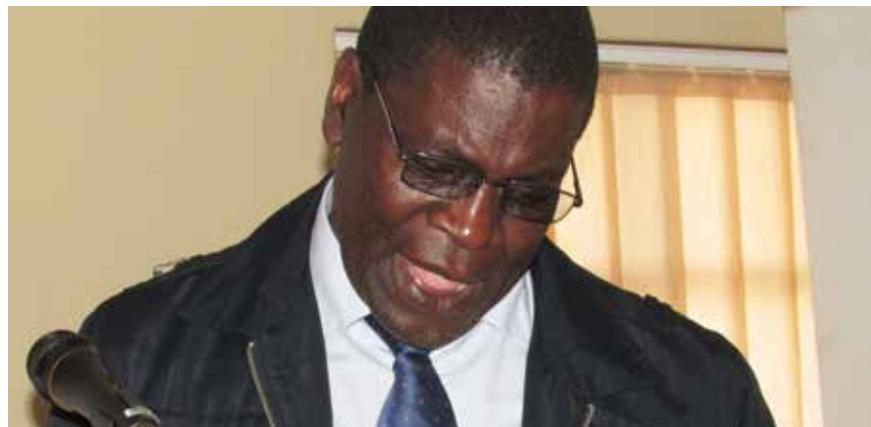
"At the booking stage, the learner is digitally thumb-printed and photographed and the image stored in the online system's storage facility," the MEC explained.

"When the applicant returns to take the test, he or she will have to match the digitally stored information in order to be allowed to take the test."

Masoga said this would do away with instances in which an instructor would, for example, write a test for the applicant.

This and other forms of corruption had in the past resulted in many people being issued with learner driver's licences illegally.

The system also marks and processes the application upfront and puts the in-



Cllr Million Rikhotso speaks at the launch of the new computerised learner drivers' licensing system in Giyani.

formation online, eliminating paper work completely.

Masoga also said that the provincial department was in the process of developing technology to prevent other forms of corruption, such as bribery at the licence-issuing stage.

A number of investigations into these illegal activities were under way in several testing stations in the province, he said.

"It is a shame that there is collusion between driving schools and licensing officials in the issuing of fraudulent licenc-

es. We have to eliminate corruption and safeguard driving standards," he said.

Welcoming the new system, then Acting Greater Giyani Mayor Cllr Million Rikhotso said he was delighted that the municipality was the first in the province to use the new system.

"Instead of worrying about losing revenue as applicants move to other areas for the so-called 'easy-to-pass' tests, ours is to work towards mastering the system so that we are on top of the situation by the time it is rolled out to other areas," Rikhotso said.

Ku cukumeta ka malakatsa loku ku yirisiweke

Ku cukumetiwa ka thyaka hi tindlela to ka ti nga fanelanga eGiyani ku tlakukile swinene naswona i mhaka leyi vilerisaka ngopfu.

Hikokwalaho ka leswi, Masipala wa Greater Giyani wu tekile magoza yo lemukisa hi nthyakiso wa mbangu leswaku vaaka-tiko va tiva switandzhaku swa kona.

"Ha ringeta tanihi masipala ku veka mathini yo chela thyaka eswitarateni swa Giyani kambe vanhu va ha cukumeta malakatsa kun'wana na kun'wana," ku vula Mutshama-Xitulu wa swa Rihanyo na Vutihlamuleri eka Timhaka ta Vaaka-tiko, Mukhanselara Tintswalo Baloyi.

Baloyi u kombisile leswaku vanhu

van'wana va cukumeta ni mibedwo ya vona ya khale ekusuhi na mathini yo chela malakatsa hi ku langutela leswaku masipala wu ta wa susa.

"Leswi hi swona swi nga hi nyika nsusumeto wa ku fambisa mapfhumba yo lemekisa hi ta nthyakiso wa mbangu," Manana Baloyi va ya emahlweni.

Hi ku ya hi yena, mapfhumba lawa ya fambisiwa eswikolweni na le xikarhi ka vaaka-tiko hi minkarhi leyi va hlanganaka hi yona.

U tlherile a kombisa leswaku vakhanselara va kondleteriwa ku lemekisa vaaka-tiko hi timhaka ta ku onha mbangu leswaku vaaka-tiko va swi tiva leswaku swi yirisiwile ku thyakisa mban-

gu naswona lava nga ta kumeka va karhi va tlula milawu ya mbangu va nga hakerisiwa mali yo ringana R1 500.

"A hi nge kanakani ku vonisisa leswaku milawu ya masipala mayelano na nthyakiso wa mbangu ya landzeleriwa.

"Loko mbangu wu thyakile hikokwalaho ka malakatsa swi chavisa ni vavekisi," ku vula Manana Baloyi.



Vamanana i valala va vona vinyi



Mutshama-Xitulu wa Khokhasi ya Vamanana eGiyani, yena Manana Martha Maswanganyi, a karhi a vulavula hi Siku ra Vamanana leri a ri tlangeriwa eMultipurpose Centre hi n'wheti ya Mhawuri.

Mutshama-Xitulu wa Khokhasi ya Vamanana eGiyani, yena Manana Martha Maswanganyi, u komberile vamanana leswaku va ti xiayaxiya loko va lava ku humelela evuton'wini.

U kombisile leswaku vamanana hi vona lava sungulaka va ti tekela ehansi hi voxé va nga se soriwa hi van'wana vanhu.

Manana Maswanganyi, loyi hi hala tlhelo a nga Xipikara xa Masipala wa Greater Giyani, a a vulavula eka nhlengeletano ya ku tlanelo Siku ra Vamanana eGiyani Multipurpose Centre hi n'wheti ya Mhawuri.

Siku leri a ri tlangeriwa hi vanhu vo huma eka mintlawa yo hambana-hambana ku suka eka Masipala wa Greater Giyani na Masipala wa Xifundzha xa Mopani.

"Hinkwako lomu hi nga kona, hambi ku ri mavandla ya tipolitiki, loko ku laveka munhu leswaku a siva xivandla xo karhi, u kuma leswaku i mavoko ya vavasati la ma ya seketelaka vito ra waxinuna ehenhla ka waxisati," ku vula

"Na loko ku lovile wanuna emutini, i vavasati lava nga ta sungula va ku: N'wansati luya u dlele nuna; wa loya n'wansati luya. Vavasati, hi fanele ku seketelana; hi va nyandza yin'we leswaku hi ta kota ku humelela eka mgingiriko ya hina."

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"I nkarihi leswaku hi seketelana tanihi vavasati leswaku hi kota ku vulavula hi rito rin'we. Hi fanele ku yima ku hlevana hikuva sweswo swi hi yisa ehansi."

Meyara wa Greater Giyani, yena Tatana Patrick Hlungwani, loyi hi hala tlhelo a nga Mutshama-Xitulu wa Foramu ya Vatatana eGiyani, u vurile leswaku vamanana va na xiave lexikulu

eAfrika Dzonga.

U engeterile hi ku kombisa leswaku hambi swi ri tano, xiyimo xa vona xa ha tekeriwa ehansi, ngopfu-ngopfu eka tifeme leti nga ri ki ta mfumo.

"Hi ku ya hi tinhlayo, vamanana lava nga na swiyimo swa le henhla eka tifeme leti nga ri ki ta mfumo va kwalomu ka 7%. Tanihi mfumo, hi fanele hi vona leswaku hi antswisa xiyimo xa vamanana," ku vula Tatana Hlungwani.

Meyara u komberile vatatana leswaku va tshika ku tshikelela vavasati, a tlhela a kombisa leswaku swi na nkoka leswaku vatatana va lwisana na ku xanisiwa ka vamanana.

A group of disabled women scoops top farming award

A farming project owned and run by women with disabilities has won this year's prestigious Greater Giyani Female Farmer of the Year Award.

Tanani Matiku Disabled and Multipurpose Farming Project – led by 11 blind and disabled women involved in poultry farming in the Greater Giyani area – was announced as the overall winner of the awards at a lavish ceremony held at the Giyani Community Hall recently.

The group scooped the top prize after winning the awards' Top Entrepreneur category.

Members of the project sell their chickens to a number of small local businesses as well as various communities in and around Giyani.

Other winners were Masingita Mabunda, who was named the Best Subsistence Producer of the Year; and Betty Ngoveni, who was announced as the Best Female Worker of the Year.

All position one winners were each presented with a trophy and a R4 000 cash prize.

First runner-ups each became R3 000 richer, whereas second runners-up were presented with cheques for R2 000 each.

The lavish ceremony was addressed by a number of speakers, including Maria Mabunda, the 2012 overall winner of the awards.

"Farming is not just a job, business or career but a calling to serve the community around you," Mabunda told the guests who had gathered in the hall to witness one of the most important events on Greater Giyani's calendar.

Mabunda said women farmers worked under very difficult conditions that at times forced them to consider calling it a day. She said, however, that they could not do so as there were many people who depended on them



Josephina Rikhotso, who represented Tanani Matiku Disabled and Multipurpose Farming Project at the awards ceremony, shows off the prizes the project won.



Cllr Tintswalo Baloyi at the awards ceremony.



Betty Ngoveni, winner of the Best Female Worker category.



Masingita Mabunda celebrates winning the Best Subsistence Producer category.

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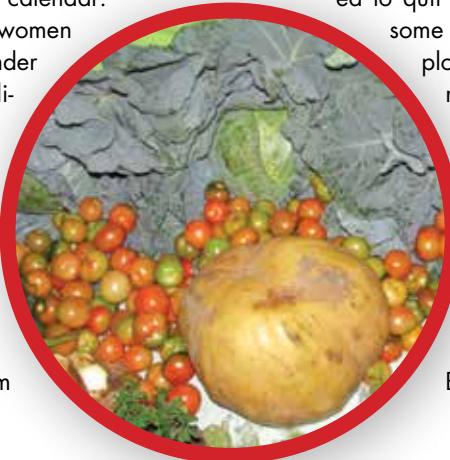
"I remember one day when I decided to quit after going through some challenges. My employees begged me not to, saying this was their home, a convenient workplace for them as they did not have to travel far to reach it," she said.

Cllr Tintswalo Baloyi, who was act-

ing on behalf of Greater Giyani Mayor Cllr Patrick Hlungwani, said the dedication demonstrated by these female farmers in helping society by providing food security was highly commendable.

She said by so doing they were following in the footsteps of great women such as Lillian Ngoyi and Helen Joseph, who on 9 August 1956 led a historic women's march to the Union Buildings in Pretoria in protest against oppressive, sexist and unjust apartheid laws.

"It is this kind of selflessness by brave women of that era that led to the demise of the apartheid system," she said.



Hot Spurs inject HOT blood

Disappointed fans can expect to see major improvements as Giyani's Safa Second Division team kicks off the new season



After narrowly failing to gain promotion last season, Safa Second Division outfit Giyani Hot Spurs have gone back to the drawing board in pursuance of their objective of representing Greater Giyani at the highest echelons of South African soccer.

The club, who finished last season in position three, have signed six new players after going into the market in search of quality playing personnel.

The new players are Doctor Matsimbi, Sydwell Ritshuri, Thabo Nkosi, Marvellous Makwakwa, Sifiso Zuma and Mbuso Mthombeni.

Matsimbi and Ritshuri are prolific strikers on whom the club and supporters will rely to bang in the crucial goals that will earn them a place in the higher league.

"This time we all have one common goal – that of making it through to the Mvela League," said confident Hot Spurs' Assistant Coach, Nil Twala.

Twala asked the public and Greater Giyani Municipality for their support.

"We are the only team that represents

"This time we all have one common goal – that of making it through to the Mvela League"

Greater Giyani at this level. However, the support we get, even when we play at home, is not at the level we would expect. We would appreciate it if we could see our people fill those stands every time we play," said Twala.

"Although we distribute leaflets about upcoming games, we don't see enough fans in the grandstands."

Greater Giyani Mayor Cllr Patrick Hlungwani expressed the municipality's willingness to support the club by giving them adequate access to Giyani Stadium for their home matches.

He conceded, however, that the stadium was so popular that it was always booked in advance.



Giyani Hot Spurs' Assistant Coach, Nil Twala.

"However, if Giyani Hot Spurs want special arrangements to be made with the municipality, like we have done with Dynamos, Black Leopards and many other professional teams in the past, they are free to approach us with their proposal. We will then see what we could do because we understand that they are the only team representing Greater Giyani at this level," Cllr Hlungwani said.

The Mayor also said the municipality had set aside R200 000 for sports development in its area of jurisdiction.

The programme has already benefited villages such as Shivilani, Tomu, Bochabelo, Daniel, Vuhehli and others.

"Through the programme, we buy sporting kits and everything else that the youth in that particular village might need. This year we will be identifying more villages where we will implement the programme. Our plan as a municipality is to roll out this programme to all villages in Greater Giyani within the next five years," he said.