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## MAYOR PROMISES DELIVERY

*It will be business unusual as City of Tshwane begins new five-year term*

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Executive Mayor Cllr. Kgosientso Ramokgopa  
Photo by: Helenus Kruger

The overwhelmingly high turnout of voters in Tshwane during the recent elections was a demonstration of an abiding respect for the democratic ideals enshrined in the Constitution, Executive Mayor Cllr Kgosientso Ramokgopa said in his acceptance speech after being re-elected by the Council as Tshwane's new leader.

Ramokgopa was elected unopposed. Also elected unopposed on Thursday last week were the former member of the Mayoral Committee, Morakane Mosupye, who was elected Speaker of Council, and the former Metsweding Speaker, Jabo Mabona, who was elected Chief Whip of Council.

In exercising their civic duty, according to Ramokgopa,

voters had to ask themselves who among all the political players was deserving of their support. "Our people had to decide who has the suitable stature, probity, technical dexterity and the political will to lead our city to the realisation of the ideal of a better life for all its citizens."

He added that "(t)he outcome of these elections therefore represents an emphatic answer by our people to the question of who should lead them in their endeavours to realise improvements in their social and material conditions of existence".

His vision for the next five years included job creation and the consolidation of service delivery to strengthen the foundations of Tshwane as a city of excellence. He reiterated the core messages of his March State of the City Address and the recent Budget Speech.

He highlighted some of the top priorities such as the creation of 38 000 jobs during the 2011/12 financial year; plans to attract investments into the city and retain them; plans to eradicate informal settlements by 2016 by ensuring that they were formalised; plans to use resources, both natural and human, in the city efficiently; advocacy and implementation of policies to address the needs of women, children and

people living with disabilities; measures to create a clean and safer city; measures to strengthen democracy; adoption of modern technologies to improve efficient functioning of the city; and mechanisms to engender long-term planning to ensure sustainability of programmes.

In order to achieve these goals the City would ensure that it spent its capital budget, which was made up of self-generated income and grants from national government, Ramokgopa said. "As testimony to our intentions, we will soon announce measures to ensure 100% expenditure ... By so doing we will be making sure that our development programme is expanded and stepped up." The City's capital budget for the next financial year is over R3,1 billion.

The City of Tshwane must also employ effective and efficient ways of delivering services. "Our investment choices will be guided by considerations such as unique value proposition; cost-benefit analysis; time and value for money; and other investment decision parameters associated with the private sector," said Ramokgopa.

"This is business unusual. This captures my philosophical approach to how we should approach the delivery of our constitutional mandate to our communities."

### NEW TEAM ANNOUNCED

Console Tleane

For the City to achieve its service delivery goals men and women who were imbued with a sense and spirit of selfless and uncompromising commitment to serve humanity would have to lead it, said Executive Mayor Cllr Kgosientso Ramokgopa, when he announced the members of the Mayoral Committee who would assist him in leading the city.

"We saw these as men and women imprisoned by a sense of duty underpinned by an abiding conviction that the protection of those who are not able to protect themselves is a duty they owe to society," he said.

He added that the team that he had chosen was rooted in community work and experienced to drive the City's service delivery agenda.

Those appointed were: Thembi Mooko, Corporate and Shared Services; Percy Zitha, Infrastructure; Sibongile Moselelane, Health and Social Development; Joshua Ngonyama, Housing and Human Settlement; Nkele Malapane, Agriculture and Environment; Faith Kgaditse, Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture; Subesh Pillay, Economic Development and Planning; George Matjila, Roads and Transport; Dorothy Mabiletsa, Finance; and Terrance Mashego, Safety and Security.

The team will be assisted by heads of department and other senior managers.

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# Bigger Tshwane, brighter future

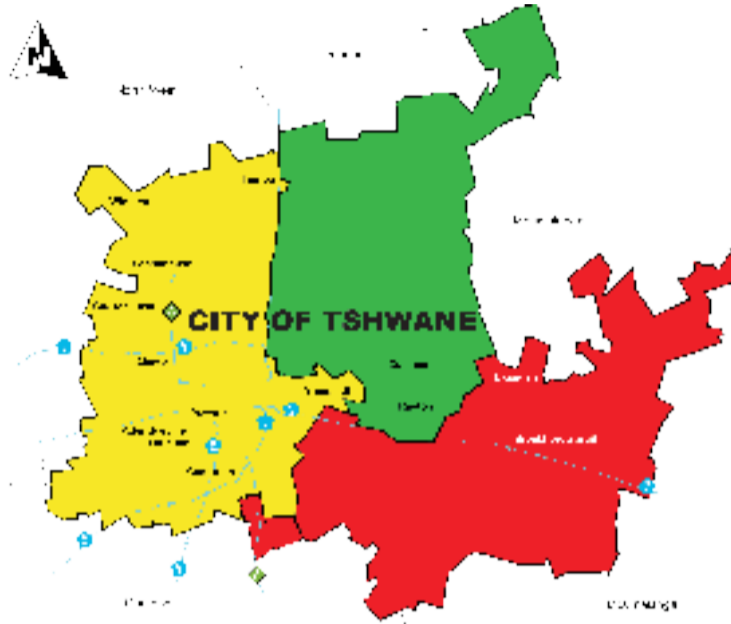
*The City of Tshwane has opened another window on its future. The City has expanded its borders by incorporating the former Metsweding District Municipality, which included the Nokeng tsa Taemane and the Kungwini Local Municipalities.*

## Phalane Motale

This merger is a consequence of the proposal by the Gauteng Provincial Government that the smaller municipalities in the province be incorporated into four large metropolitan areas with a view to rendering more services to communities. It argues that not only are bigger municipalities better positioned to plan because of their bigger budgets, but they are also capable of attracting senior and qualified municipal officials to run projects efficiently.

When the Metsweding District Municipality was disestablished on 18 May 2011, the City of Tshwane became the successor-in-law of all the Metsweding resources, assets, liabilities, rights, obligations and titles, and all the administrative and other records. However, the 2010/11 budget of the former Metsweding District Municipality remains in force until 30 June 2011.

The merger has made the new City of Tshwane the largest metropolitan municipality in South Africa, running an area of 6 368 km<sup>2</sup> and a population of just over 2,5 million. Furthermore, the new Tshwane is the third largest metropolitan area in the



world in terms of land mass, after New York and Tokyo/Yokohama respectively. Tshwane, which previously had five regions and 76 wards, now has seven regions and 105 wards.

The incorporation has provided the City with new opportunities to diversify its revenue base. The new areas bring along valuable resources such as vast tracts of vacant, undeveloped land, agricultural land, mining enterprises, ecotourism, forestry and fishery.

The merger is expected to benefit all the people of Tshwane. Indications are that R300 million (10% of the proposed R3 billion capital budget for Tshwane) will be spent in Metsweding. This amount represents an increase of more than 300% compared to the current budgets spent by the municipalities in Metsweding. Hence Metsweding residents should benefit directly in terms of capital projects related to, for instance, roads, storm water, electricity and water. The poorest of the poor in Metsweding will also benefit from the extensive benefits the City of Tshwane offers to the poor.

The benefits for Tshwane lie in the economic opportunities (mining and agriculture) that Metsweding brings to the merger. The large tracts of undeveloped land offer opportunities for new development around corridors such as the N4 to Mpumalanga. The Dinokeng conservation area and the Cullinan mines will also add diversity to the City of Tshwane's revenue stream.

The City of Tshwane is confident that it will be the country's best managed municipality within five years.

## ...and better Tshwane

### Phalane Motale

The City of Tshwane's merger with the former Metsweding District Municipality is expected to provide economic opportunities in the areas of tourism, mineral beneficiation and agriculture.

To name a few examples, mining at the Petra Diamond Mine in Cullinan produces 25% of the world's gem quality diamonds; dozens of manufacturing companies continue to flock to the Ekgangala industrial area; and the massive Dinokeng Game Reserve will open later this year.

The multimillion rand Dinokeng Game Reserve and various other smaller nature reserves are tourism assets in the north-eastern parts of the new Tshwane. The Dinokeng project is already providing many jobs as well as opportunities for SMMEs in the form of concessions in the travel and tourism industry. In the long run it will probably compete favourably with the Kruger National Park.

Existing tourist attractions, ranging from recreation activities at the Roodeplaas Dam to mining and heritage tours in Cullinan, also offer opportunities for further development in

adventure, ecotourism and cultural heritage tourism.

The Bronkhorstspuit and Roodeplaas Dams are well maintained and established tourism assets. Other tourism sites in the area include the Mkombo Nature Reserve and areas of historic and cultural significance such as the Kwa-Mjekejeke Cultural Village.

Agricultural production in the area traditionally focuses on maize and cattle, although flowers and other agricultural products are also produced. The sector's greatest strength lies in its central location and access to markets. The east-west transport network (N4 and Church Street) and the area's closeness to urban centres in Gauteng and the OR Tambo International Airport are important (more than 50% of specialty produce is transported by air).

Although the area has a small manufacturing base compared to that of other parts of Gauteng, manufacturing is the largest employer. About 100 to 150 industrial companies are located in Bronkhorstspuit and Ekandustria. They produce a variety of goods and are also involved in the

downstream processing of agricultural products such as wood, maize and eggs.

Among the industries with potential for further development are –

- food and beverage manufacturing and packaging;
- niche agricultural product processing, especially oils;
- plastic products and packaging;
- wood, paper and fibre products;
- metal packaging;
- printing and publishing;
- bio products and pharmaceuticals;
- fertilisers and other petrochemical products; and
- warehousing and distribution services.

There are also opportunities for small manufacturing or distribution operations, particularly the beneficiation of raw products (wood, fibre) and industrial distribution services.

In addition, residential and other developments around the Roodeplaas Dam and in the east of Tshwane can generate more economic activities for Tshwane.

# Zwartkop-lugskou – toeskouers is in die wolke

## Redaksielid

Die Suid-Afrikaanse Lugmag het Saterdag stellig die beste lugskou die afgelope jaar by die Zwartkop-lugmagbasis gehou. Die mense het in hul duisende opgedaag om

hul aan die asemnemenende vaardighede van sommige van die land se beste vlieëniers te vergaap. Van die land se uitsonderlikste vliegmasjiene was by die

skou te sien. Die Stad Tshwane se Wonderboom-lughawe hou op 11 Junie 2011 sy eie lugskou. Hou hierdie spasie dop.

## IN VOLLE VLUG



FOTO'S DEUR MASI LOSI  
PRETORIA NEWS: HOOFFOTOGRAAF

'n SAA Boeing 737 600 wat deur die Silwer Valke vergesel word, het toeskouers se koppe laat draai by die SA-Lugmagmuseum se lugskou by die Zwartkop-lugmagbasis.



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# TSHWANE TV READY TO ENTERTAIN

**After two years of failing to come out of the blocks, the track looks set for the City's own television station. The brainchild of Kopano Molefe, who garnered community support for an application to be lodged with the Independent Communication Authority of South Africa (ICASA) when the community television spectrum was opened in 2008, the station is said to be launched on 1 June.**

## Staff Reporter

The station is categorised as a geographic community station, and must therefore satisfy the needs of the communities. It will broadcast in English, Afrikaans, Setswana, Sepedi, Tshivenda, Xitsonga, and isiZulu.

According to the station's sales and marketing director, Collin Mackenzie, it will broadcast 50% local content (Tshwane), 30% national content, and 20% international content. It will be a full-spectrum (entertaining, educating and informing), free-to-air television station, meaning that anyone within the borders of Tshwane, and slightly beyond, will be able to tune in to it. Plans are also afoot to include the channel on the DSTV platform, so that it can be accessed across the SADC region and beyond.

"Tshwane TV will serve mainly as an access point for citizens and organs of civil society to exercise their right to communicate. It will also provide opportunities for emerging, independent producers to develop and air productions that are in line with the principles and values of Tshwane TV," said Mckenzie.

"Recognising the diversity of our community we will ensure that no group or section of the community will be excluded. Programming will be produced by a wide diversity of people of any age, sexual orientation, disability, class, race and gender, with no one group dominating."

The channel is scheduled to go on air on 1 June. It will broadcast on a 24-hour basis.



Tshwane TV offices at the Tshwane Events Centre

To tune in to Tshwane TV, press MENU on your television remote; then SEARCH; then UHF band; then search until you get Tshwane TV; then save it.

# City to roll out CCTV coverage

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## Phalane Motale

Crime prevention in Tshwane is to get a major boost with the expansion of the City of Tshwane's closed circuit television (CCTV) network to various parts of the city.

The City is ready to install more CCTV surveillance cameras in strategic areas, including those outside the central business district (CBD). This comes after the North Gauteng High Court ruled in the City's favour after a protracted legal battle with a service provider.

The use of the system is aimed at making Tshwane's streets safer and traffic control more efficient, while also allowing for the Metro Police to respond more rapidly to incidents and emergencies.

The 24-hour surveillance system will not only reduce crime, but will also enhance city management. Through the cameras, CMOC (Cueincident Morubisi Operating Company, a joint venture between Cueincident and Tshwane-based black economic empowerment company Morubisi

(Pty) Ltd), will be able to report burst pipes, faulty traffic lights and missing manhole covers to the City of Tshwane management.

Since the implementation of the system in December 2004, the cameras have recorded crimes that have taken place around the city, especially at night. The crimes ranged from robberies and smash-and-grabs to assaults. The authorities have also responded to recorded motor accidents, public drunkenness, drug dealing, muggings and traffic offences.

Since its inception, the system has reduced visible street crime. It has also helped to reduce certain violent crimes, such as vehicle hijackings and bank robberies in the CBD, particularly where the installation of CCTVs has been accompanied by simultaneous target hardening and the linking of, for example, banking CCTVs to the main control room.

The system was formally launched on 21 December 2004 and consisted of 16

cameras in the CBD. By June 2005, 34 cameras were operational in the CBD, and 230 more cameras were to be rolled out. Although being delayed for some time, the Tshwane system was the most modern of all South African systems, consisting of a hi-tech digital surveillance system.

At the end of July 2005 the city became the first in South Africa to use a sophisticated CBD camera surveillance system to identify traffic violators and to issue spot fines to offenders. In fact, it became the only electronic CBD facilities management surveillance system in South Africa with legal authority (via by-laws) to ensure prosecution of city traffic infringements on video evidence alone.

The current cameras stand guard over CBD hotspots. The control room is manned by CMOC operators as well as members of the Tshwane Metro Police and the South African Police Service.

## CITY GETS NEW

# WASTE TRUCKS

## Console Tleane

The City of Tshwane recently took possession of 40 new refuse removal vehicles on a lease agreement as part of the augmentation of its current fleet.

The value of the three-year contract is in the order of R216 million and a further 50 vehicles are expected to be delivered in the next two months.

The fleet ranges from skip loaders to side-loader refuse compactors that were specially built to the City's requirements in Würth, Germany. They were later shipped to Italy for specialised fitments before being delivered to the City.

Speaking ahead of a ceremony to receive the vehicles, Tshwane Executive Mayor Cllr Kgositso Ramokgopa said the additions to the City's waste removal fleet will ensure a substantial improvement in the quality of the service provided and mitigate the sporadic interruptions to waste removal services as a result of vehicle breakdowns.

"We're painfully aware that even as we speak, there have been limited disruptions

to refuse collection in parts of the city," said Ramokgopa, referring to service delivery disruptions caused by vehicle breakdowns at the time.

"Whilst the new vehicles will ease the current pressure, the efficient deployment of vehicles and management of waste removal operations remain a critical priority. In this regard we will take a zero tolerance approach to inefficient and poor management of this function; and as demonstrated in our approach to the Municipal Bus Services, we will not hesitate to institute appropriate action to rid the City of inefficiency and mediocrity."

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*New fleet of trucks acquired from Daimler Fleet Management*  
Photo by: Golaamang Segathe

Daimler Fleet Management's CEO, Aluwani Ramabulana, said the delivery was the second largest single fleet lease contract that his company had won.

"We are delighted with this unique partnership between the City of Tshwane, the Mercedes-Benz Commercial Vehicle Division at Mercedes-Benz South Africa, equipment specialist OMB-SA and the servicing dealer Sandown Motors' Mercedes-Benz Commercial Vehicles Centurion," said Ramabulana.

# Better roads, filling potholes get large chunk of budget

By Nthambeleni Gabara



Workers upgrading road infrastructure.  
Photo by: Helenus Kruger

The City of Tshwane has allocated R791 million or 24,85% of its capital budget to

repairing potholes and upgrading and rehabilitating Tshwane's storm water drainage system, especially in townships.

The city's roads were badly affected by the prolonged heavy rains earlier this year.

"We should be able to cope with the continuing problems caused by heavy rains; by repairing all the potholes in the city. Many will agree that great strides have been made to repair potholes in most of the roads," said Executive Mayor Kgosietso Ramokgopa.

He presented his R66,3 billion budget and

the Medium-Term Revenue and Expenditure Framework (MTREF) for the 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14 financial years on Thursday.

Human settlement and housing will be allocated R576 million, of which R55 million will be used to start the overdue upgrading of the Schubart Park and Kruger Park blocks of flats.

"We are resolved to address the problems besetting these flats, so that our people can live in suitable conditions. Also critical will be the upgrading of hostels to make them suitable for human habitation and in some cases turn them into family units," he said. - BuaNews

## HAMMANSKRAAL COMMUNITY TO BENEFIT FROM EPWP

Staff Reporter

Community members of Temba and Hammanskraal in the north are set to benefit from the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) in that they will acquire work-related skills.

Public Works Minister Gwen Mahlangu-Nkabinde officially launched the programme in the area today [Rather give the date instead of saying "today"].

The Department of Public Works is implementing community development projects in the area to improve the lives of people in accordance with the EPWP mandate of alleviating poverty through the provision of work opportunities to the unemployed.

The projects that are currently being

implemented in the Hammanskraal area include the construction of a bridge over the Apies River at a cost of R1,8 million. This bridge will connect Temba with other parts in the area, assist 3 000 community members who cross the Apies River on a daily basis, and allow access to essential services. Consultants on the construction work are experts from the South African National Defence Force.

One of the local community members taking part in the programme is Joel Sithole (44) who is a father of three and has been unemployed for three years. He told a reporter BuaNews that he was happy to be part of the programme and gain valuable skills that would make him employable again.

"The skills that I will be gaining here will enable me to get a job and support my family," he said.

Most of the participants in the programme are unemployed young people who do not have work experience but are set to gain some through this programme.

One of them is Zephaniah Kgubung, aged 19. He passed matric last year and wants to be a builder. "I'm glad that I have been given an opportunity to gain the necessary skills in the building industry," he said.

Also underway as part of the EPWP is the R3,2 million Hammanskraal pothole project in Nyathela Street in Temba, which employs 34 labourers from the local community. - BuaNews

## City of Tshwane to assist thousands of indigent households

Nthambeleni Gabara

The City of Tshwane has set a target of registering 150 000 indigent households by 2016, according to Executive Mayor Cllr Kgosietso Ramokgopa. This will be achieved by increasing the number to 90 000, 110 000 and 130 000 households in the 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2014/15 financial years respectively.

Ramokgopa announced this when he

tabled the medium-term budget of R66,3 billion.

He said the current number of indigent households on the register had been adjusted to 63 000 due to the exiting of some households from the programme. This would "leave enough room for indigent households from the Kungwini and Nokeng tsa Taemane areas," he said.

The mayor was referring to the two local councils which had been incorporated into the City of Tshwane after the 18 May local government elections.

The City of Tshwane will spend R411,8 million, R564,5 million and R745,9 million respectively in the 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14 financial years to assist poor households with services. - BuaNews

## Editorial

You are holding and reading the first edition of the City of Tshwane's newspaper, *Tshwane Update*. For over two years we discussed the mandate of creating a platform for communicating to residents what the City of Tshwane is doing for them. The paper must be seen as a vehicle to complement other communication measures.

The City of Tshwane organises and hosts Izimbizo where elected officials interact with and give feedback to residents on service delivery. It is during these meetings that these officials are able to collate what residents need and want.

The public can sit in at Council meetings, and the decisions taken there are published on the municipal website.

We also communicate through commercial, regional and community newspapers, radio and other media. However, we felt that these platforms might not be enough to communicate with residents, and we trust that this paper will inform you about what is happening in the City of Tshwane.

We will not only report and reflect on what the Municipality does, but also on what happens in the city's business, academic, arts and sport sectors.

Our editorial approach is to give you news that informs, entertains and educates, and we will adopt a mainly positive slant.

We hope that you enjoy reading this paper.

## Kamogelo ya makhanselara a mašwa

Re amogela setlhophah se sešwa sa batlhankedi ba ba sa tswang go tlhophiwa – makhanselara. Tota, baeteledipele bano ba tlhophilwe mo ditlhophong tse di neng di tseisa manya e bile di namatsha pelo. Temokerasi ya rona ke e e agegileng sentle e e bile e elediwang ke dinaga di le dintsi, e seng fela tsa Aforika mme tsa lefatshe ka bophara.

Ga go pelaelo ya gore paka e ntšhwa ya go nna mo kantorong ga makhanselara a e tla nna e e itumedisang, fa ba tla bo ba ya godimo le tlase go ralala Toropokgolo go buisana le baagi le go dirisana mmogo le bona. Go a bonala gore: Mmogo re ka dira go tlala seatla go aga setšhaba se se maatlafetseng!

# A pledge to our people

The Executive Mayor Cllr Kgosientso Ramokgopa

We are eternally grateful to the multitudes of our people who not only demonstrated an abiding respect for the democratic ideals enshrined in our Constitution, but also walked the talk by turning out in good numbers to swell the voting booths during the recent local government election.

By remaining loyal to their patriotic and civic duties, our people have dealt a decisive blow to those who were cynical about the quality of the polls. Their characteristic prediction of apathy and low voter turnout not only showed lack of faith in our people, but also demonstrated lack of appreciation of the extent to which our people value their aspirations and desires.

The principal question that our people posed and answered was: Who among the political players was deserving of their support? Our people had to decide who had the suitable stature, probity, technical dexterity and political will to lead the City to the realisation of the ideal of a better life for all Tshwane's residents.

The outcome of the election therefore represents our people's emphatic decision on who should lead them in their endeavours to realise improvements in their social and material conditions.

We emerged victorious from these electoral battles because our people felt we remained the vehicle best equipped to lead the realisation of their aspirations and desires.

As we assume this challenge on behalf of our people, we harbour no illusions about its colossal nature. As we speak, the unpleasant reality of joblessness, growing poverty, rising living standards and backlogs on a range of social services is staring us in the face.

It is in this context that, as outlined in our State of the City Address early in the year, we have set out a vision to consolidate service delivery, accelerate job creation and strengthen foundations for Tshwane to become a city of excellence.

The initial steps towards the realisation of this vision were given concrete expression in the budget speech that we delivered at the end of April.

In that address, the extensive set of measures included an accelerated job creation programme with a target of 38 000 jobs in the current financial year; plans to attract and retain investments; plans to eradicate informal settlements by 2016; plans to make efficient use of natural and human resources in Tshwane; advocacy and

implementation of policies to address the needs of women, children and people living with disabilities; measures to create a clean and safe city; measures to strengthen democracy; adoption of modern technologies to improve the functioning of the city; and mechanisms to engender long-term planning to ensure the sustainability of our programmes.

In the light of the grim reality noted earlier, we are left little choice but to increase the tempo of service delivery and job creation to raise the quality of life of our people. Hence we will immediately undertake interventions to alleviate the unbearable effects of the crisis on our communities.

We have accordingly devoted adequate resources to the maintenance of our existing infrastructure and smooth delivery of social services through our operational budget. Upon assuming office mid-way in the past financial year, we made it clear that we want to

declare war on small problems such as traffic lights, potholes, outages and breakages in our systems. We aim to intensify this war by accelerating our response rate.

We have also, through our capital expenditure budget, catered for the roll-out of new social and technical infrastructure in needy areas of Tshwane. Our ultimate goal is to create a unified and integrated city in name and form as well as in substance, evidenced by uniform standards of infrastructure and amenities.

Over the past few years we have only been utilising 87% of our capital budget. As testimony to our intentions, we will soon announce measures to ensure 100% expenditure of our capital. By so doing we will be making sure that our development programme is expanded and stepped up.

While we may not have answers for every problem encountered on our road to improving the living standards of our citizens, what we bring is the readiness to provide realistic solutions to whatever problem is encountered. In the search for enduring answers to all dilemmas, we will also insist on dialogue and participation by our communities.

At times, reality will call upon us to make hard decisions that might entail short-term sacrifices in order to secure the success of our ultimate goal. As and when such moments arise, we are aware that there might be many citizens who will not endorse our choices. About that there is very little we can do.

**“The fact that the system does not overflow under normal conditions, is further proof of this.”**

Our people have spoken and their voices deserve the respect of everyone who pays unqualified allegiance to the abiding provisions of the supreme law of our land, the Constitution. For our part, we guarantee that we will be transparent and accountable in the way we arrive at crucial decisions on our city.

The Constitution enjoins us to heal the divisions of the past and establish a society based on democratic values, social justice and fundamental human rights. In addition to instructing us to build a united and non-racial society, the Constitution also mandates us to improve the quality of life of all citizens.

We pledge to honour the wishes and desires of the founders of our democratic dispensation by cultivating a local government culture that is accountable and responsive in its outlook; effective in the delivery of social services; efficient in driving social and economic development; and uncompromising in the promotion of the self-expression and self-activity of the masses of our people.

It is on this basis that we call upon all major stakeholders in our society to play their part in making sure we do not fail to meet the challenge of building a sustainable democracy. As the City of Tshwane, we stand ready to play our coordinating and facilitative role to

enable all social players, be they from the business community, the labouring community, community-based formations, non-government formations and individuals, to find a platform to help propel our agenda to its destination.

I am the third in the line of Executive Mayors to have the privilege of leading our city. Although the service delivery agenda remained the same throughout this period, each of my predecessors had brought their own personal signature to that mandate and its translation into actual service delivery. I will similarly bring my own indentation to the way the City of Tshwane works, the configuration of its various units in pursuit of excellence and the cultivation of a work ethic commensurate with the enormity of our service delivery challenges.

On the occasion of the delivery of the State of the City Address, we emphasised that our plans and intentions do not automatically translate into desired outcomes. We noted that between our plans and their actual realisation lie diverse factors that must be traversed for us to succeed.

On that very occasion, we reiterated our commitment to the aspirations and desires of our citizens. We also declared that those aspirations and desires deserve a municipality as good as it promises.

Therefore we concluded that, on the way forward, we needed men and women imbued with a selfless and uncompromising commitment to the service of humanity. We saw these as men and women filled by a sense of duty underpinned by an abiding conviction that the protection of those who are unable to protect themselves is a duty they owe to society.

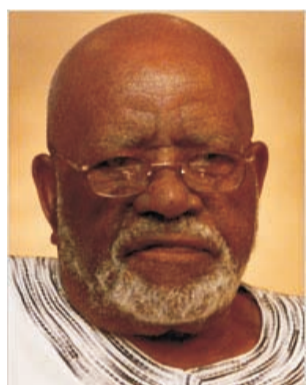
To all those mandated to serve our people as members of the executive committee of the Council, I would like to paraphrase the great humanist and son of our city, the late Es'kia Mphahlele, by saying that "it is my sincerest wish and hope that in whatever service you render to humanity in your respective capacities, the self you find should at the same time be your community's own fulfilment in you".

With the team we have assembled and with the cooperation of everyone in the City of Tshwane, we stand ready to ride the monumental challenges defining our service delivery agenda.

*\* Kgosientso Ramokgopa is the Executive Mayor of Tshwane. This is an edited version of his acceptance speech after being re-elected to this position on Thursday, 26 May 2011.*

### Staff Reporter

## Who was Es'kia Mphahlele?



*Es'kia Mphahlele in 2003. Photo by: Simon Mathebula/Sunday Times, via Associated Press*

In his acceptance speech after being re-elected, Executive Mayor Cllr Kgosientso Ramokgopa referred to Es'kia Mphahlele as one of the greatest humanists of our time, and a son of the soil. But who was Es'kia Mphahlele?

Mphahlele was a writer, academic, artist and activist. He was born on 17 December 1919 in Marabastad. His family suffered the forced removals of the time, when the vibrant non-racial community of Marabastad was torn apart

by the apartheid regime.

He earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of South Africa (UNISA), while he was a teacher. He would later join the legendary Drum magazine where he worked with literary greats like Henry Nxumalo, Can Themba, Todd Matshikiza, Nat Nakasa, Lewis Nkosi, Bloke Modisane, Arthur Maimane and Case Motsisi. Many people still regard this group as the finest group of South African journalists ever.

Like many activists, writers and artists of his time, Mphahlele went into exile in 1957. He went on to work in Nigeria, Kenya, Zambia, France and the United States, where he earned his doctorate at the University of Denver and taught at the

prestigious University of Pennsylvania. He returned to the country in 1977 and became a professor at the University of the Witwatersrand.

Among his many publications the most famous remains his semi-autobiography, *Down Second Avenue*, which describes life in Marabastad. He also published a number of novels, short stories and non-fiction work. He passed away on 27 October 2008.

The City's biggest community library, the Es'kia Mphahlele Library in the Sammy Marks Square, is named after Professor Mphahlele. Indeed a great humanist and son of the soil.

### Staff Reporter

## New safe house in the city

The Tshwane One Stop Safe House officially opened its doors to abused women and children recently.

The centre, which offers accommodation to victims of abuse, is made up of three houses donated by the City of Tshwane. Young people will be taught there to abstain from sex and to value education, among other things.

Speaking at the opening, Executive Mayor Cllr Kgosientso Ramokgopa appealed to society to play an active role in assisting anyone who is being abused.

"A united front is needed in the fight against the abuse of women and children. Society should always be at the forefront in crafting the future of young people, especially those that are abused," said the mayor.

He added that government and the business sector had to work together to end poverty.

Tshepo Molotsane, who had survived abuse at the hands of her uncle, called on other young people who were being abused not to give up on their dreams.

"I was abused by someone whom I trusted, and I even gave up my dreams and did not know what to do," she said, holding back the tears. "I felt empty and worthless."

Molotsane's problems started after her mother had passed on in 2000. Her uncle offered to take care of her and her little sister, who was also sexually abused by the uncle, according to her.

Her life turned for the better after she sought help from the centre. - BuaNews

# HIV/Aids patients urged to visit clinics early

## Staff Reporter

The Gauteng Health and Social Development Department has reminded people infected with HIV and Aids about the importance of visiting clinics and hospitals early.

"According to our records, almost half the people who are admitted to our hospitals are ill due to conditions that are HIV related. Unfortunately, some of them are diagnosed when it is already too late. This puts a huge strain on the health system," said Head of Department Dr Kammy Chetty.

Chetty, who was speaking on behalf of the Health and Social Development MEC, Ntombi Mkgwe, during a candlelight memorial on Sunday in Vosloorus, said since the launch of the HIV Counselling and Testing Campaign in April last year, more than 1 million people have been tested.

The Department would continue to encourage people of Gauteng to know their HIV status and take measures appropriate for their status.

According to Chetty, 412 191 people had been registered for anti-retroviral treatment by the end of March 2011, and this had been achieved through extending treatment to clinics.

By the end of March, we had increased the number of public health facilities providing this treatment to 278. This includes hospitals and clinics. People no longer have to travel long distances to access this treatment.

"By the end of April next year, about 520 000 people will access this treatment from our public health facilities," she said.

The memorial was held for people who had died of HIV and Aids-related illnesses and to support people living with HIV and Aids.

It also aimed to create awareness about the need for care and support to Aids patients and the affected families, and to inform the community about prevention, treatment, care and support services available to people living with the disease. - BuaNews



# Tourism Company to assist in attracting visitors

## Console Tleane

Tourists will in future find it easier to get information on tourism and related services in Tshwane. The birth of the Tshwane Tourism Company (TTC), which was registered in April 2011, will make things much simpler for tourists.

The TTC was announced two weeks ago at the 2011 Tourism Indaba in Durban. Speaking to the Indaba Daily News, the City of Tshwane's Tourism Division head, Jacob Mahlangu, said that the aim was to attract 6,9 million visitors a year by 2012, a tall order considering that only 3,4 million tourists a year currently visit Tshwane.

"The Company will focus on marketing Tshwane as a preferred tourism destination and providing a relevant and up-to-date

tourism information service. It will also facilitate the City of Tshwane's tourism development objectives," said Mahlangu to Indaba News.

"An effective regional tourism organisation for Tshwane will certainly go a long way to help promote tourism to the city."

The establishment of the company has also been welcomed by the tourism industry in the city. The chairperson of the Tshwane Tourism Action Committee, Mike Gcabo, said that the development was a result of collaboration over two years between the City of Tshwane and the private sector.

"Successful tourism destinations operate efficient regional tourism organisations.

Tshwane's unique selling propositions as the capital city, and its tourism identity and branding in line with that of the country now need to be fully utilised," said Gcabo.

The TTC is tasked with marketing the city as a tourism destination and providing tourism information services, including tourist information and market intelligence. It will work closely with the private sector.

The company will assist the city to take advantage of the increasing tourism opportunities that come as a result of the expansion of Tshwane after the merger with Metsweding, which has many tourism spots.

• For more about tourism in Tshwane, visit <http://www.tshwanetourism.co.za> or call 012 358 1430 or send a fax to 012 358 1485.



# New councillors to learn the ropes of local government

**Nthambeleni Gabara**

The newly elected councillors are set to get a taste of what local government operations are all about in an induction programme by the Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs.

While the acting Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Nathi Mthethwa, did not give a specific date for the programme, he let on that it would be "soon" and that they had high hopes for the outcome.

He said the induction would prepare the councillors to serve people with efficiency and speed and instil a sense of accountability in the community.

"We welcome the newly elected and the

returning councillors to local government and we remind them that their election into municipal councils is about serving communities who have put their trust in them," he said.

Mthethwa applauded the peaceful conduct of all South African voters during the 2011 municipal elections last Wednesday.

Mthethwa, who chairs the governmental inter-ministerial committee on local government elections, also congratulated the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) for its dedication and professionalism in conducting free and fair elections.

"A pat on the back goes to all South African voters whose mature conduct and

cooperation with officials before and during elections ensured that the environment was conducive to conducting elections which were free from disruptions," he said.

The minister said the 2011 local government elections were characterised by lively and respectful campaigning, with all political parties free to engage with voters in all areas.

The IEC recorded decreased voter apathy and achieved an impressive 57,6% turnout of registered voters, which was an improvement of more than ,6% on the previous local government elections. - BuaNews

The City of Tshwane is governed by the Executive Mayor, assisted by ten Members of the Mayoral Committee. The Speaker and the Chief Whip of Council also perform critical roles in managing the Council. Acting as a local Cabinet, their task is to implement the political mandate to improve the socio-economic conditions of residents. The Council of the Municipality consists of 210 elected Councillors, 105 Party Proportional Representatives and 105 Wards Representatives.



**Cllr Morakane Mosupyo**  
Speaker



**Cllr Kgosientso Ramokgopa**  
Executive Mayor



**Cllr Jabulane Mabona**  
Chief Whip



**Cllr Nkele Malapane**  
MMC: Agriculture and Environmental Management



**Cllr Percy Zitha**  
MMC: Public Works and Infrastructure Development



**Cllr Terence Mashego**  
MMC: Community Safety



**Cllr Thembi Mmoko**  
MMC: Corporate and Shared Services



**Cllr Faith Kgaditse**  
MMC: Sports, Recreation, Arts and Culture



**Cllr Subesh Pillay**  
MMC: Economic Development and Planning



**Cllr Joshua Ngonyama**  
MMC: Housing and Sustainable Human Settlement Development



**Cllr Sibongile Moselelane**  
MMC: Health and Social Development



**Cllr George Matjila**  
MMC: Roads and Transport



**Cllr Dorothy Mabiletsa**  
MMC: Finance

## WONDERBOOM AIRPORT MARKS 75 WITH AIRSHOW

Antoinette Mostert

The City's Wonderboom Airport will celebrate its 75 years of existence with a thrilling air show. The air show comes a few weeks after the successful one by the Air Force, also held in the City at the Zwartkop Air Base.

The air displays promise to be breathtaking, and static displays of rarely seen aircraft guarantee a spectacular day for spectators and aviation enthusiasts. A big thrill will be the landing of an aircraft on a vehicle. The air displays will be performed by seasoned pilots, and the popular Brian Emmenis and his team will entertain the crowds with their running commentaries on the displays.

The programme features, for instance, Yack 52s; Albatrosses; L39s; Goodyear Eagle Pitt Specials; a truck-top landing; Flying Lions; Harvards; a Slick 360; the Mazda aerobatics team; parachuting; Glen Dell in an Xtra 300 and T28 Trojan, as well as commercial aircraft showing their manoeuvrability.

Visitors will be taken on helicopter flips and invited to sit in the cockpits of some of the aircraft on display. The fly-out of the approximately 300 visiting aircraft at the end of the day will certainly be a highlight, as will be the fireworks display

to end off the show.

The show will be held on 11 June. The gates will open at 07:00 and the show will start from 10:00 to 17:00. However, the day's festivities do not end there because rugby will be shown on big screens afterwards.

Admission is R40 and children under 12 pay R20. Please leave your pets at home.



## Line-up at the State Theatre

Staff Reporter

An impressive line-up is in the offing for art lovers in the city. One of the biggest theatre complexes in the country, the State Theatre, boasts exciting performances.

The June line-up looks like the who's who in the entertainment world. Opening the score is the comedy Bend it like Beauty by actor, radio personality and writer Ben Voss. The play focuses on Beauty whose world is torn between the capitalist western world and her country, South Africa.

Described as "funny, fiery and fresh", Bend it like Beauty played in London for three weeks, and won the Ovation Award for Best Comedy at the last Grahamstown National Festival. The play is on from 1 till 11 June.

Poetry lovers are not losing out. Vonani Bila and Mmusu Molelo (also known as The Governor) will render their poems, supported by Natty B. Lesego Rampolokeng and Mmakgari will play with words on 22 June, supported by Ancient Radicals.

Finally, music lovers will be treated to a packed programme. For lovers of jazz there is trumpeter and flugel hornist Feya Faku who takes the stage on 3 June,

supported by the Heritage Music School band. Faku is a respected SA jazz musician who played music without any formal training until 1988 when he started studying music at the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

On 17 June, Mpho 'Mckenzie' Matome, known to many as a member of the successful Rhythmic Elements of 2 by 2 fame, takes the stage to demonstrate his passion for African music which has inspired him since his childhood years in Rustenburg. He will be supported by the Monnyth Art House.

The jazz line-up for June will be concluded by the Ethekwini born guitarist Musa Manzini. He is sure to mesmerise the audience with his playing of the bass as a lead instrument. He will be supported by the Vusi Mahlasela Music Academy band, founded and led by the legendary Vusi Mahlasela, one of the city's most successful professional musicians who has won international acclaim.

If you are into rock, then look no further. Easy Tiger will rattle you with its "feel good music, often with a reminiscent twist, a tickle of the past, and a hint of the future". The band, with Ric on vocals, Galan on the

guitar, Dale on bass and Travis on drums, will be on stage on 2 June.

Sharing the stage on the same night is Bringing a Shark to a Gunfight, made up of Tim Atkinson on guitar, Tim Dell on bass, Rheese van der Merwe on guitar, Cameron Crichton on drums and Eben Leach on vocals. Also rattling audiences on the same night is Black Cat Bone, which is described as a blues-rock outfit. The band comprises Kobus de Kock Jnr on vocals, acoustic guitar and harmonica, Andre Kriel on electric and acoustic guitar and vocals, Chris van der Walt on bass, and Jason Hinch on drums.

Evolver One will complete June's rock music line-up on 16 June. The band has completed 20 national tours, performed in over 500 shows and played in most festivals across the country. It is made up of Peter Pote on vocals and guitar, Sean Murphy on keyboard, Tulsa Pittaway on drums, and James Cohen on bass. A surprise band has also been lined up for this date.

Tickets for all the shows can be bought at any Computicket outlet. Don't be left out, fight the cold and enjoy a fun winter's night out.

# GO BOKKE GO!

## Staff Reporter

The Springboks' Rugby World Cup campaign received a major boost on Wednesday when the team's tournament anthem was unveiled by the South African Rugby Union (SARU). The song, Let's Do It Again, is sung by multi-award winning group, Freshlyground, who were catapulted onto the world stage when they collaborated with Colombian-American singer, Shakira, for the smash hit, Waka Waka.

"We hope the song becomes the soundtrack to national mobilisation in support of the Springboks," said Jurie Roux, CEO of SARU.

"It is just one of a number of initiatives we're launching to allow fans to show their support of the team and become part of the campaign. There are now just 100 days to go until the tournament kicks off and we believe we can recapture the spirit of national unity that marked the Springboks' previous Rugby World Cup

victories in 1995 and 2007 and also last year's Soccer World Cup."

The centrepiece of the campaign is Bokday, which is every Friday from this week until the end of the tournament in October, as well as the Springboks' playing days, which include a Thursday, Saturday and Sunday – and a Friday. Supporters are called upon to wear green, official retail merchandise on every Bokday.

The defending champions must rise to the occasion to make the country proud once more. The city's Blue Bulls players, led by the towering Victor Matfield, will definitely contribute to the country's success.



Springbok coach Peter de Villiers launching the 100-day countdown with children at his old school, Klein Nederburg in Paarl.  
photo by SA Rugby

Residents are urged to rally behind the Boks throughout the coming three months and during the tournament.

The campaign has also targeted the accumulation of one million supporters for the Springboks on their Facebook page – [www.facebook.com/springboks](http://www.facebook.com/springboks). See the SA Rugby Union website ([www.sarugby.net](http://www.sarugby.net)) for more.

## BAFANA KEEPS CLIMBING ON WORLD RANKINGS

### Nthambeleni Gabara

Bafana Bafana continued their steady rise to 38th position on the Coca-Cola FIFA world rankings, one spot up from the 39th position they occupied last month.

On the current rankings released on Wednesday, South Africa is now fourth on the continent, swapping places with Nigeria who has fallen to fifth place.

Ghana, Ivory Coast and African champions Egypt retained the top three positions, with Senegal, Algeria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon and Libya completing the top ten in Africa.

In their last seven matches, South Africa won five, lost one (against the USA) and drew the other one.

They registered a one-nil victory against Tanzania in a friendly international played on Saturday, 14 May 2011, in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania.

On Sunday, 5 June, South Africa plays Egypt in a 2012 Africa Cup of Nations qualifier in Cairo.

Bafana have now risen 48 places since head coach Pitso Mosimane took over from Carlos Alberto Pereira just after the 2010 FIFA World Cup finals.

A delighted Bafana coach said: "We have a

good team, and there is a good vibe in the camp, hence the positive results. We are working very hard to get to the very top, but we remember that the more we progress the more the pressure and expectations.

"Being number four on the continent is wonderful, and we are now in the red zone where we will be getting a lot of aggression from our opponents. Every game we play will be a test of character. The latest move comes at a right time when we travel to Egypt and should be a morale booster for us," he said.

Mosimane said while there is also pressure from those coming from behind, there would be no turning back.

"We have to keep on moving forward. At this point, we must ask all South Africans to stand side by side with us as we face new challenges," he said.

The continent's top ten on global rankings are Ghana (15), Ivory Coast (21), Egypt (36), South Africa (38), Nigeria (39), Senegal (40), Algeria (41), Burkina Faso (44), Cameroon (49) and Libya (58).

However, there were no changes at the top of the world rankings, with 2010 World Cup finalists, Spain and the Netherlands, still holding first and second positions. Brazil remains third, followed by Germany and



Steven Pienaar  
Photo by: Helenus Kruger

Argentina in the top five. England, Uruguay, Portugal, Italy and Croatia make up the rest of the top ten.

The next Coca-Cola FIFA world rankings will be released on Wednesday, 29 June. - BuaNews

# EISH, PSL TROPHY ELUDES US!

Staff Reporter

For the first time in five years, the Absa Premiership trophy will not be paraded in Tshwane.

The city's two PSL teams – Mamelodi Sundowns and SuperSport United – dominated the league for half a decade but this past season the two giants did not do well. Together, Sundowns and SuperSport have won eight PSL championships, with the former winning it five times and the latter claiming it three times.

Such was the dominance of Sundowns and SuperSport that many city soccer fans called the PSL the City's Trophy. The two teams had a disappointing season, with Sundowns finishing in fourth position and SuperSport in seventh position.

This has left many fans with more questions than answers. And of course the big question is "What happened to the city sides this season?"

For Sundowns, who started with an impressive run only to slip up in the second round, it was a shock as a lot was expected from the Brazilians. With top names in local football, Sundowns were expected to walk

away as the league winners as it was clear that SuperSport weren't going to defend their title due to a poor start.

Sundowns were disrupted by the departure of their coach Antonio Lopez Habas and the unofficial break taken by their top striker Katlego Mphela. Though Sundowns did not struggle much in Mphela's absence, the resignation of Habas threw the team into disarray. Their defence was their biggest downfall.

They also failed to do well against so-called big teams as they lost to Orlando Pirates (twice), SuperSport (once) and Kaizer Chiefs (once). It was in defence where the Brazilians did not do well. Their defence was breached on a number of occasions, and their lack of leadership at the back did not help their cause either. They also let players such as defender Vuyo Mere leave, and it led to a gap in the right-back position, which proved hard to fill.

The men from Chloorkop also lacked consistency. They would raise the hopes of their fans only to let them down in the next match. Injuries to regular players did not do them a favour either.

With SuperSport United, it was the loss of two key players – Bongani Khumalo and Daine Klate that impacted on their season. That striker Glen Salmon was not available for the better part of the season due to injury further threw Matsatsantsa into disarray. Gavin Hunt's team also had new players, who took time to settle into his system.

In addition, the luck factor played some part as the three times champions struggled. They would do well in some games only to lose at the last minute. Hunt and his bosses didn't find replacements for Klate and Khumalo in time. These two played crucial roles as Hunt's team went all the way to glory. Klate scored a number of goals and was named Player of the Season, and Khumalo did not only provide cover at the back but also scored vital goals for SuperSport, who won their third title.

This is the one season that the city sides would like to forget quickly because there will be no trophy parade in Tshwane.

The city must reclaim the trophy. Come on Brazilians and Matsatsantsa, you can do it!

## ... but can the Bulls salvage something?

*While the PSL trophy has eluded Tshwane, can the Blue Bulls salvage something?*

Staff Reporter

While the PSL trophy has eluded Tshwane, can the Blue Bulls salvage something? The men in blue put up a spirited performance against the Cheetahs in front of a frenzied crowd at Loftus Stadium on Saturday. The 32-21 win means that the Bulls are seventh on the Super Rugby log, and third on the South African log, two points behind the Sharks.

For many fans in Tshwane, the performance of the Bulls during the season has been less than satisfactory. As the dominant club both locally and abroad, winning became second nature to the Tshwane side. However, as it happens in sports, a slump in form and injuries have led the side to some poor

performance. Yet, the team has recently shown new vigour and brought hope that all is not lost.

The front row of Dean Greyling, Chiliboy Ralepelle and Werner Kruger has been impressive, while Bakkies Botha and captain Victor Matfield remain vital cogs in the engine room of the team.

A clinical performance by the champions saw them cruising through the Cheetahs, who were, it must be said, no walkovers. But it had to be the Bulls who had to stop the Free State side's four-match winning streak. While the team still lag behind on the log, their decisive win over the Cheetahs means that the defending champions are back in the race for the Super Rugby title. Standing seventh with 54 points, the Bulls must overcome the Waratahs on Friday, 3 June, to remain in the competition.

If the determined and spirited performance last Saturday is anything to go by, Tshwane may well retain the title of being the City of Champions. The City of Tshwane stands behind its rugby team.



Blue Bulls fans at Loftus Stadium  
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