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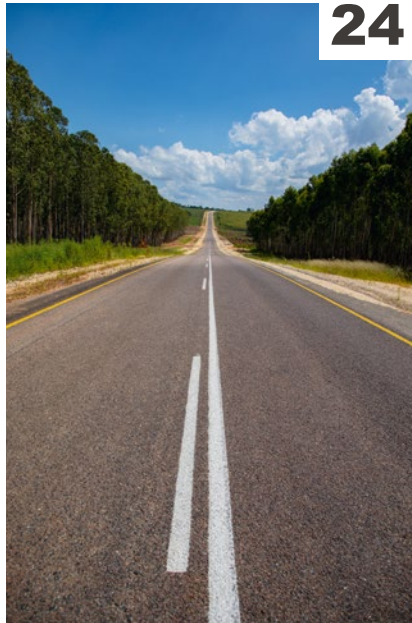
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RAL DRAWS INSPIRATION FROM PRESIDENT RAMAPHOSA'S VISIT ON THE EVE OF SONA

What an honour it was to have the Head of State visiting the Limpopo Province on the eve of the State of the Nation Address (SONA). Not many are blessed to have such an Honourable Presidential grace just two days before such a significant and demanding occasion.

President Cyril Ramaphosa's visit to Limpopo prior to SONA for the assessment of the province's road infrastructure is a sign of confidence regarding the work done by the Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL) across the province.

There are arguably many provinces that make requests or wish that South Africa's first citizen can bless their shores for this or any other reason. Premier Chupu Stanley Mathabatha, Limpopo Province in particular RAL, is heavenly blessed because it is not child's play to secure SA's number one citizen, given his responsibilities as Head of State.

It should naturally take a lot of lobbying for His Excellency, President Ramaphosa, to take a decision to visit the province, on the eve of a hectic SONA, amid the many other important state commitments. Not only did the President take off from his busy schedule to visit Limpopo, but he also brought along the Minister of Transport who presides over one of the most demanding departments, which includes Transnet and

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PRASA, among others.

Given the events relating to the President's visit, this edition of your favourite read, *Mmileng* – the official, quarterly, corporate publication for the Roads Agency Limpopo – features the visit by South Africa's number one citizen (full story on page 6).



Dr. Maropeng Manyathela
RAL Head of Communications

Once more, the edition presents intriguing news updates to keep you updated with road infrastructure developments in the province.

Not only is the visit by Ramaphosa a huge sign of confidence in the Roads Agency Limpopo, but it has given a positive edge to the RAL staff to understand the Agency's huge role on developing the economy of a predominantly rural province.

Sentiments expressed by both President Ramaphosa and Minister Mbalula about the role of RAL cannot be overemphasised as they implored those given service delivery tasks to judiciously perform their duties.

Let's take this opportunity to acknowledge the huge role played by our political principals, Premier of Limpopo Mathabatha, and the shareholder representative responsible for RAL, Dr Masemola. The fact that they were able to convince the Head of State to visit Limpopo on the eve of SONA is an endorsement that we are in capable hands and governed by decisive leadership.

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PRESIDENT RAMAPHOSA'S VISIT ON THE EVE OF SONA - A HUGE SIGN OF CONFIDENCE

Not many provinces can, on the eve of the State of the Nation Address (SONA), easily secure a visit from the Head of State, especially given the many challenges experienced by South Africa that demand the President's direct attention.

President Cyril Ramaphosa's SONA eve visit to Limpopo for the assessment of the province's road infrastructure is a sign of confidence on the work done by Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL), an entity of the Limpopo Provincial Government, reporting to the Honourable MEC for Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure (LDPWRI), Dr Namane Dickson Masemola.

During Ramaphosa's visit, Limpopo was afforded a great opportunity to showcase its skills capability and capacity in terms of building, undertaking big and challenging road infrastructure projects. This follows the province's completion of a much-needed 32km Morebeng road which covers both Capricorn and Mopani Districts from which eight (8) villages stand to benefit.

The expressions by both the President and the Minister of Transport, Fikile Mbalula, have given RAL the confidence it needs to take up big challenges of also helping other needy organisations such as municipalities who are experiencing skills and capacity deficits in the fields of engineering and construction.

The complex terrain of the road and its construction incorporates various construction methods, such as a double seal, asphalt, concrete, and the labour-intensive block paving. The affected villagers will travel extensively reduced distances to reach economic centres such Polokwane, Giyani, Elim, and easily access the facilities and amenities they need to have a decent quality of life. The road is, among others, used by big businesses to transport goods and people between Morebeng, Giyani, Polokwane, Tzaneen, and other provinces.

During the construction of the 4km block paving, a total of 115 people were employed. Of the number, 40% were women (47 women), 23% were youth (27 youth), and 3% were people living with disabilities (4 people).

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MR. GABRIEL MALULEKE
RAL Chief Executive Officer

of the surrounding communities directly involved, particularly, the traditional leadership that contributed immensely to the success of the project. Currently at over 90% completion stage, minor tasks that are part of the snag list are being tended to, edging the project to

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full completion to the benefit of the surrounding communities (full story on page 24).

Let me thank the provincial government for having invested in these ever-lasting projects, our shareholder department led by Dr Masemola, and the RAL Board led by Mr Matome Ralebipi for all the support and guidance afforded to us as RAL management. It is true when they say “we can only win as a team”.

Thank you once more.



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PRESIDENT RAMAPHOSA SHARES HIS DELIGHT ON LIMPOPO ROADS



President Cyril Ramaphosa has expressed his delight at the progress made by Limpopo through its entity, Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL) in implementing the much-needed road infrastructure in the predominantly rural province.

As part of his S’hamba Sonke (meaning “walking together”) road infrastructure rollout oversight, President Cyril Ramaphosa, accompanied by the Minister of Transport, Fikile Mbalula, Limpopo Premier Chupu Stanley Mathabatha, together with the MEC for Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure (LDPWRI), Dr Namane Dickson Masemola and CEO of RAL, Mr Gabriel Maluleke, visited Thakgalane village in the Greater Letaba Municipality to assess a 32km road being constructed by RAL.

“I am delighted because this project is taking place in a deep rural area and the road is very important as it helps in taking kids to school, among others. Thank you for the good work Premier Mathabatha. Your strategy of building roads is working very well. To Minister Mbalula, I am very happy with the work done here in Limpopo. I am happy that the project is empowering local SMMEs and has created jobs for youth, women and people living with disabilities. I have witnessed this myself and I am very delighted,” the President commented.

In applauding RAL for building roads with a limited budget, the President appreciated the patience shown by the people from the target communities as they have been very understanding and patient since the commencement of the project. “As Limpopo, you have taken the task of building roads with a limited budget very seriously. Although the project took time to complete, the people of this area have been patient, which is something that is commendable. I’m also happy with the progress made thus far on the project,” he said.

Having empowered 50 local SMMEs and 115 youth and women, the 32km road which links Capricorn and Mopani district municipalities is one of the flagship projects identified by the National Department of

Transport (NDOT) and implemented by RAL. This road which partly included labour-intensive methods, has been included to be part of the presidential employment stimulus and S’hamba Sonke programme steered by NDOT. The project was funded through three main streams of provincial equitable share, provincial road maintenance grant (PRMG), and presidential employment stimulus package.

Meanwhile, Minister Mbalula highlighted that the S’hamba Sonke initiative came about as a result of the mandate given by the President to empower communities to build roads using their hands, with the aim of reducing the high unemployment rate in the country. “I would like to thank the local labourers for the commitment they have demonstrated in the implementation of the road construction plan to ensure that the project becomes a success.”

On the other hand, Limpopo Premier Mathabatha urged the communities to look after the precious road infrastructure, citing that “the road plays a pivotal role in the upliftment of the local economy, amongst others, therefore, you need to take good care of it.”

Prior to the Presidential Oversight Visit, part of Road D3232 literally constructed by local labourers with pave bricks at a glance.



Limpopo Premier, Chupu Stanley Mathabatha (left) and President Cyril Ramaphosa (right) during the Presidential Oversight Visit of the 32km road project that traverses Mopani and Capricorn Districts.

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Dr Namane Dickson Masemola: MEC for LDPWRI (left) and Hon Fikile Mbalula: Minister of Transport (right), emphasising that without community and local authorities’ involvement, the project would not be a success.



Showing how it is done, President Cyril Ramaphosa (right) encourages participation of local labourers.



The project, which connects about eight villages, covers a total of 32kms of road upgrade. It involves roads D15, D3232 and D3150 from R36 provincial route via Morebeng to D11 road at Tshabelane, Capricorn and Limpopo districts.

The road upgrade incorporates various construction methods, such as a double seal, asphalt, concrete and the labour intensive block paving. The benefiting villages will travel extensively reduced distances to reach economic centres such as Polokwane, Giyani, Elim and easily access the facilities and amenities they need to have a decent quality of life. The road is, among others, used by big businesses to transport goods and people between Morebeng, Giyani, Polokwane, Tzaneen, and other provinces.


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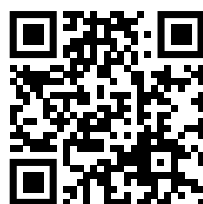
In his closing remarks, President Ramaphosa applauded the Agency for the manner in which the project has been executed, resulting in improving the well-being of communities in the area.

“I would like to thank Roads Agency Limpopo for having a capable team that is doing good work and can see for the future,” the head of state applauded.

In addition, a total of 144 people received CETA accredited training. This includes the 115 local employees, as well as 29 members of the community. Thus far, an amount of R16 million has been spent on the empowerment of local labourers.

Currently at 90% completion stage, 50 SMMEs were empowered through sub-contracting of material supplies, hiring equipment, and doing road construction activities to the value of R62 million thus far.

The villages that stand to benefit from the project include Morebeng, Sekgosese, Thakgalane, Capricorn Park, Ratsaka, Itielene, Tshabelane and Klipkraal. 



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RAL Board of Directors and management renew their commitment to deliver services to the people of Limpopo.

RAL BOARD

CHARTS THE WAY FORWARD

REVIEW AND BUILD FROM PAST EXPERIENCES

With the 2021/22 financial year coming to an end in March, Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL) Board of Directors, led by Mr Matome Ralebipi recently convened all the role players of the Agency's business, to assess progress and chart the way forward for the next five years.

Facilitated by Dr Simo Lushaba, the session highlighted the importance of corporate governance and identified some hurdles experienced by the entity in executing its mandate, especially during the planning and implementation of projects.

Stakeholder trust was highlighted as one of the factors needing special attention. "Stakeholder trust and confidence is one of the biggest currencies an organisation has at its disposal to effectively execute on its mandate," said Lushaba. He emphasised that stakeholders should be comfortable to say "even though things are difficult, RAL is an organisation that will deliver us to where we want to be and beyond because it is led by people we can trust."

RAL's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Mr Gabriel Maluleke, highlighted some of the strategic directions the entity will be taking on to better deliver on the given mandate. With finance

being at the core of the entity’s ability to deliver, he stated that the entity is working closely with research institutions and universities to find less expensive ways to build roads. He highlighted that “the entity needs an equitable share of about a billion rand a year to really make an impact in terms of upgrade projects.” Other strategic directions include helping communities to start up cooperatives from which the entity would procure materials such as paving bricks for the building of some sections of the roads as part of the Letsema Ditseleng initiative. The idea is that “when the project is finished then that business can continue so that other people

infrastructure challenges in the province.

“People need to be decisive when leading because indecisiveness itself is a weakness. Decisive leadership is important for the reshaping of the organisation’s effectiveness and systems development to ensure efficiency.”

The MEC advised that it is through a process of self-introspection that the Agency can successfully develop strategies that will have a meaningful impact. He emphasised that at the core of RAL’s business is the delivery of services to the people of the province.

RAL’s Board of Director Chairperson, Mr Ralebipi,



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: RAL’s CEO, Mr Gabriel Maluleke during a presentation on strategic directions the entity will be taking on going into the new financial year. RAL’s Board of Director Chairperson, Mr Matome Ralebipi, giving closing remarks and vote of thanks to bring an end to the Strategic Planning session. Dr Simo Lushaba who facilitated RAL’s Strategic Planning session and MEC for the LDPWRI, Dr Namane Dickson Masemola, during his keynote address at RAL’s Strategic Planning session in Mookgopong.

can buy from them,” said Maluleke.

Speaking during his keynote address Dr Namane Dickson Masemola, MEC for Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure (LDPWRI), urged the entity to take advantage of its position in the province to propel development for residents. He further urged RAL as the implementing Agency to be more agile and responsive given the road

commended the efforts of RAL management following the much-needed intervention regarding the Mogalakwena roads. He further urged the team to forge more partnerships with municipalities and help capacitate them.

“We need to engage Limpopo Provincial Treasury in terms of creating a support unit within RAL for municipalities,” he concluded. **m**

RAL Chief Executive Officer, Mr Gabriel Maluleke (standing) appreciates the benefits of having knowledgeable personnel at RAL who dedicated their time to the entity for the past 23 years. From left: Mr Matsobane Dinala, Mr Shadrack Mukhuba and Mr Phuti Montjane.



RAL HONOURS THINK TANKS

Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL) recently honoured its long serving employees during an award ceremony held in Polokwane. Having served the Agency since its establishment almost

23 years ago, three (3) of the Agency's senior employees were given the highest honour for serving RAL with distinction.

Mr Phuti Montjane, who currently serves as an acting Senior Manager

for Land Use Management was part of the maiden team that was seconded from the then Department of Public Works, later Northern Province Roads Agency, and now Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL).



From the top: Messrs Phuti Montjane, Shadrack Mukhuba and Matsobane Dinala.

known as Mr D, serves the entity as Supply Chain Manager responsible for Demand Management. The Ga-Mphahlele born employee plays a pivotal role in ensuring that RAL delivers on its mandate by, among others, drafting of procurement specification documents. His supervisor, Mr Hobyane Magopa, RAL's Chief Financial Officer, praised Mr Dinala's patient nature and work ethic. "I have also learnt a lot from him," he commented.

Then there is the charismatic Mr Shadrack Mukhuba, who hails from Mapate in the Vhembe District of Limpopo. As a Project Manager at RAL, his knowledge in road construction enables the entity's implementation process to run smooth, within set timelines and budget.

Mr Martin Ramaboea, General Manager of Operations spoke about Mr Mukhuba with pride. "As a civil engineer I think you have done exceptionally splendid work and we appreciate having worked with you over the years," said Ramaboea, who works directly with Mukhuba.

Expressing his gratitude to the trio, the visibly delighted RAL Chief Executive Officer, Mr Gabriel Maluleke commended how beneficial it has been to have such wisdom and knowledgeable personnel within the entity. He urged the young employees at RAL to "stay close to the experienced colleagues to learn all the necessary skills in order to set yourselves up for successful careers." **m**

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Commenting about Mr Montjane, RAL's General Manager for Planning and Design, Mr Kishan Tulsi, expressed gratitude for his commitment and loyalty to the organisation. "Loyalty and commitment of this nature is rare these days where career hopping has become fashionable." Tulsi also made a request for Mr Montjane to use his valuable expertise to mentor the younger generation.

Another RAL 'think tank', Mr Matsobane Dinala, affectionately



Detoured but never deterred: A story of resilience

Despite being the youngest board member in the current Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL) Board of Directors, Ms Randy Mushwana says this does not intimidate her but offers her an opportunity to learn more from experienced colleagues.

Furthermore, she says this challenges her to read more in order to contribute ideas meant to fast-track the delivery of quality roads infrastructure to the Limpopo communities.

The 34-year-old attorney joined RAL Board in February 2021, serving in the Social and Ethics sub-committee. Her responsibilities in the sub-committee include monitoring the organisation's social and economic development, good corporate citizenship, health and public safety activities.

According to her, serving on the Board comes with huge responsibilities because roads infrastructure expectations in Limpopo rest on their shoulders. "As the Board, we should do our work properly to assist Roads Agency Limpopo to deliver on its mandate of delivering quality roads infrastructure. Our duty is to

Ms Randy Mushwana takes a seat at the big table as a member of RAL Board of Directors in the Social and Ethics sub-committee.



ensure that the people of Limpopo get services (quality roads) as enshrined in the Constitution of the country,” she explains.

With over five years’ experience in the law fraternity and an LLB degree, this will undoubtedly come in handy for Mushwana as she embarks on her board responsibilities until the end of her term in 2023.

Mushwana’s formal education began in 1993 at Ntwanano Primary School at Burgersdorp village, outside Tzaneen in the Mopani District of Limpopo Province. Although she grew up in abject poverty, the attorney says growing up, she never really knew what she wanted to become, but that did not deter her from taking education seriously. “Coming from a very poor background and disadvantaged community, I never had full knowledge and insight on which career path to follow. However, all I knew was that I needed to change my situation and for those around me, so, during my first year at the University of Limpopo (UL), I quickly realised that the law career was the right path for me to pursue.”

Her poor family background almost became a stumbling block on her aspirations of furthering her studies post-matric but her resilient and persistent attitude kept her going. After completing her matric in 2004 at Lefara Secondary School in her village, Mushwana went to further her studies at the Tshwane University of Technology in 2005. She, however, could not complete her studies due to lack of funding, “I then took a gap of three years and did some piece jobs to save money for my studies,” she recalls.

Not knowing which career to follow continued to haunt her. After saving money, in 2008 she went back to school and this time around she was accepted at the University of Pretoria for a degree in Political Science which she later switched to undertake LLB in 2010 at UL, where she graduated in 2014.

After obtaining her degree, she went to the Legal Education and Development (Law Society of South Africa) for six months where she did her legal practice training. Upon completion of this training, as a requisite to qualify as an attorney, she served her articles at Mushwana

Incorporated working in its branches in Pretoria, Polokwane and Nkawkawa. In 2017 she wrote the attorneys board exam and in 2018 she was admitted at the North Gauteng High Court, Pretoria, as an attorney of the High Courts of South Africa.

Being an attorney, Mushwana’s day-to-day activities entail going to court and attending trials, consulting with her clients, drafting legal documents, and facilitating correspondence with other legal practitioners.

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Despite finally finding her career path, her work does not come without challenges as she says, “Some individuals are not transparent enough and tend to hide very important information about their cases and this is a serious challenge because we are not able to help them with their cases.”

Self-discipline has kept the mother of two going in this time-consuming career. “It is not easy being a working mother with two children who also require me to be present at all times. Being an attorney means spending long hours at the office and doing research which involves a lot of reading and drafting, but with self-discipline, it’s easy for me to juggle both.”

Having made a name in the legal fraternity, Mushwana never stops dreaming. “I have a dream of becoming a conveyancing attorney one day. I’m also currently in the process of opening my own


law firm hoping to empower young people who are eager to bring change in their lives and communities.”

When asked about people who played a pivotal role in her success, Mushwana credits a lot of people who contributed to her career in many ways, “some financially and some by just being there for me whenever I needed support, to whom I will forever be grateful. My partner also contributed a lot, he still does because even with the law firm that I endeavour to

establish, he is playing a huge part in making sure that everything goes well.”

Her message to young upcoming professionals is that hard work, dedication, self-discipline and not giving up, make everything possible in life. “I am where I am today because I never let my poor background and situation stand in my way to achieve my goals. If they believe in something they must stick to it and work hard towards achieving it.”

When things are hectic, Mushwana believes that touring affords her some time to reflect, recuperate and recharge.

“Sometimes it is recommended that one takes time off their regular work and spend quality time by travelling with loved ones. This strategy is effective for me because when I return to work, I would have recharged to provide my clients with quality work,” Mushwana concludes. 



ALL HANDS ON DECK

CEO MALULEKE ADVANCES
THE CHARGE TO SERVICE DELIVERY



Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL) hit the ground running into the first week of the new year with major road rehabilitation and pothole patching in some parts of Mahwelereng and Mokopane within the Mogalakwena Local Municipality.

The project emanates from a partnership between RAL, Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure (LDPWRI) and the local municipality which sought to address the dire road conditions residents of Mahwelereng and Mokopane had found themselves in for the past few years.

The roads have been riddled with potholes for some time, making it difficult for motorists to travel from one place to another. The cross-governmental

in early January 2022, the MEC for LDPWRI, Dr Namane Dickson Masemola promised that the project would commence with immediate effect so that it could be completed in a few months to come. Subsequent to the MEC's proclamation, necessary equipment was delivered on site, immediately enabling the process to begin

hands-on (thereby setting the pace for the new year), remarked a few days after the commencement of the project that there has been major progress on the project so far, owing to the utilisation of the state-of-the-art jetpatcher equipment technology which has proven to be stupendously effective in patching potholes within a short

“WE ARE HERE TO RESPOND TO A VERY DIRE SITUATION OF POOR ROAD CONDITIONS WITHIN MOKOPANE TOWN AND MAHWELERENG. AS GOVERNMENT, IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO RESPOND TO THE PROBLEMS OF OUR PEOPLE THE BEST WAY WE CAN.”



LEFT: Sighted on site inspection (second from right), Dr Namane Dickson Masemola - MEC for LDPWRI, Martin Ramaboea - General Manager: Operations at RAL, Gabriel Maluleke - RAL CEO and Cllr Pheladi Olifant - Mogalakwena Local Municipality Speaker, (first from right) seen with contractors, workers and municipal representatives. RIGHT: Contractors hard at work on Geyser Street in Mokopane town.

intervention was thus necessary to effectively address the situation and jointly deliver superior services to the people residing in the area. Among the streets that stand to benefit from this partnership are Nelson Mandela Drive, Rabe Street, Van Heerden Street, Simmentaler Street and Geyser Street, which will all receive pothole patching, whereas the 4.9km portion at Dudu Madisha Drive is undergoing major rehabilitation.

Speaking during the handover of the contractors to commence with the project

instantly - to the delight of the residents.

“We are here to respond to a very dire situation of poor road conditions within Mokopane town and Mahwelereng. As government, it is our responsibility to respond to the problems of our people the best way we can, hence we are here to bring solutions to these challenges that are seen all over most parts of the town and surrounding areas,” MEC Masemola announced.

Meanwhile, Mr Gabriel Maluleke, RAL Chief Executive Officer who was also

period of time. Maluleke added that his capable team “is working around the clock to ensure that the roads are restored to better conditions so that economic activities occurring in the area can improve due to quality drivable roads.”

Both community members and municipal officials have expressed their gratitude and commended the RAL-led project. They also stated that they are looking forward to driving safely and conveniently after the completion of the project.



Gabriel Maluleke - RAL CEO (second from right) watches on while massive pothole patching goes in full swing in response to the dire road conditions in Mokopane town and the nearby areas in the Mogalakwena Local Municipality.



Service delivery takes centre stage as RAL-led road maintenance partnership commences with repairs of some streets in Mokopane and nearby areas within the Mogalakwena Local Municipality.

Ms Mmatlala Legodi from Mahwelereng Zone 1 said, “the fixing of the road will ensure the safety of children since vehicles will no longer drive close to our houses trying to avoid potholes. We would like to thank our government, particularly RAL for addressing our road challenges.”


Ms Flora Kale from Extension 17 in Mokopane appreciated that the Simmentaler Street which she uses daily was also receiving the necessary attention. “The potholes on the street pose a serious challenge, especially during rainy days,

making it difficult to drive due to muddy surfaces which damage our cars.”

Another road user, Mr Joshua Maruma from Mahwelereng Hospital View, said that due to badly damaged sections of the roads, they often share lanes with oncoming traffic, and this tends to cause accidents. “However, the fixing of the road will ensure that all motorists drive in their correct lane as per the traffic regulations to avoid accidents. I’m glad that the project is striving to produce better roads,” he added.

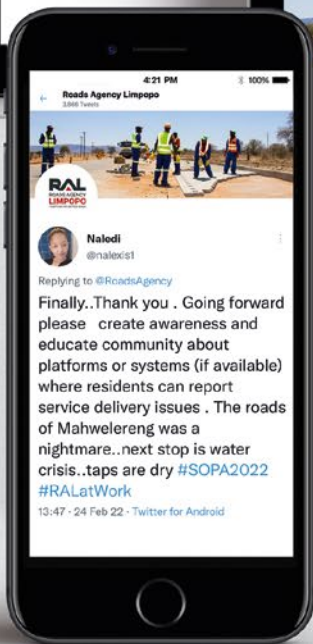
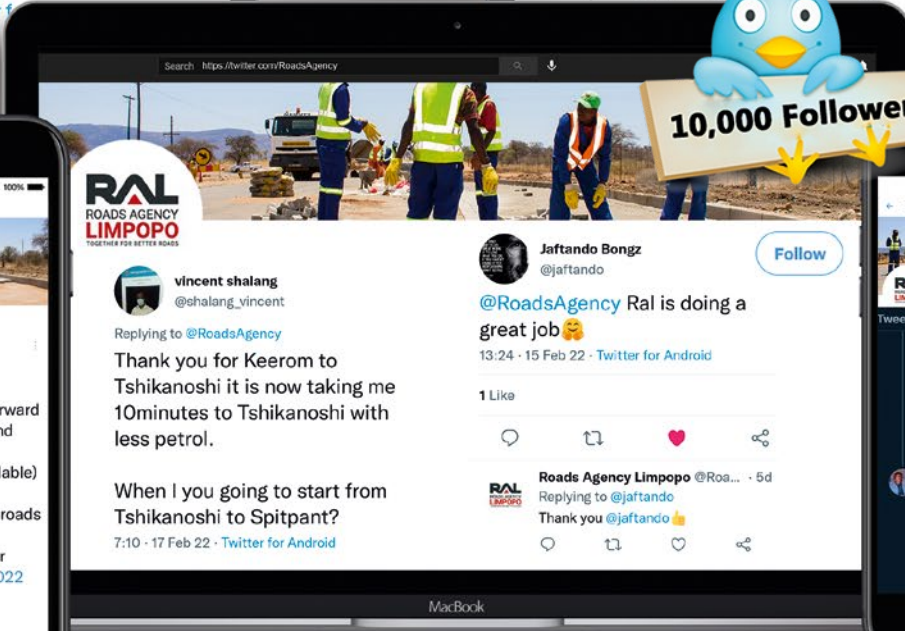
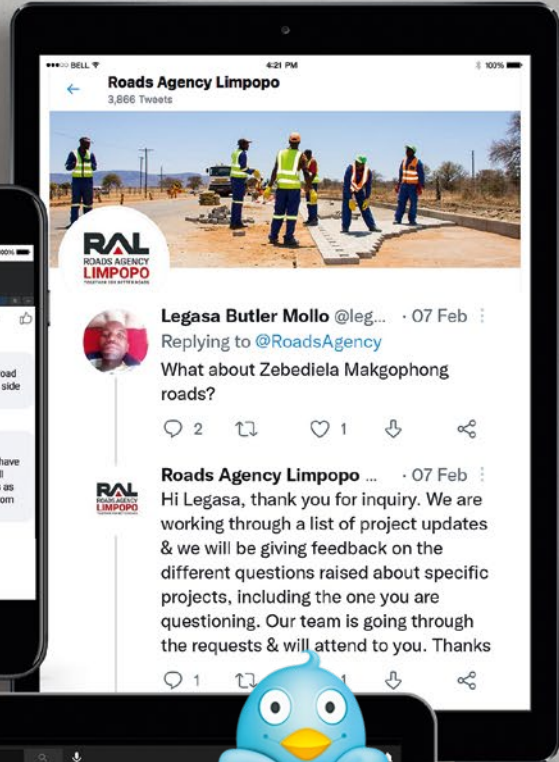
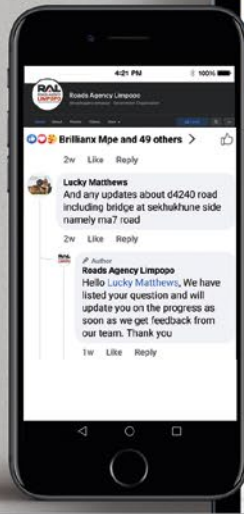
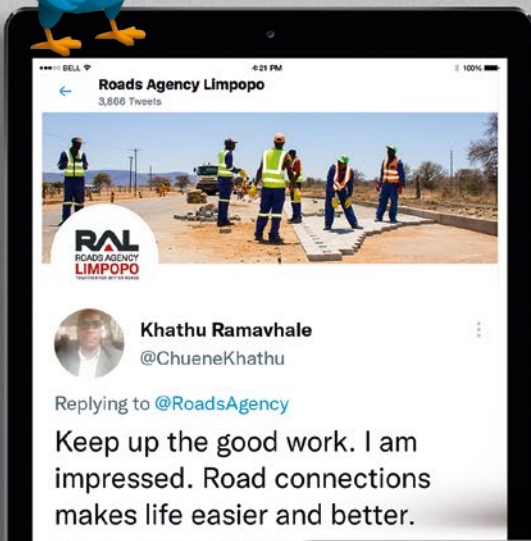
Expressing his appreciation, Cllr.

Ngoako Thulane Tauatsoala, Mayor of the Mogalakwena Local Municipality, thanked RAL and LDPWRI for making the necessary intervention on their roads. “We are pleased because this project will also revive the economy of our municipality’s jurisdiction, particularly the Dudu Madisha Drive which is our main street connecting Mahwelereng and Mokopane town.

We believe that in this short space of time the roads will be fixed so that the people of Mogalakwena can drive on quality roads,” he said. 

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As part of Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL)'s engagement with its most valuable stakeholders to hear first-hand feedback of a 32km rural access road project that traverses through Mopani and Capricorn Districts in Limpopo, Mmileng, the official quarterly publication of RAL, visited Thakgalane village in the Greater Letaba Municipality and surrounding areas. The visit follows the presidential oversight visit by His Excellency Honourable Cyril Ramaphosa in the area to check the progress made thus far on the road project which traverses a mountainous terrain (full story on page 24).



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The road now saves time because previously, the journey from Ga-Raphahlelo to Polokwane was about plus minus 100km, but with this newly upgraded road, the journey has been lessened to about 88km. We can now arrive early because the upgraded road has a smooth surface and is easy to ride on, as the roads have been respectively constructed with concrete, pavement and bituminous surfacing or tar.

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Kgoshigadi Shapo Raphahlelo
(Ga-Raphahlelo Traditional Council)
from Ga-Raphahlelo village

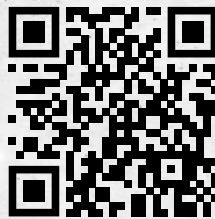


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Before the road upgrade, our journey used to be long because the road was dilapidated and had bumps. For example, if you had a trip, you were forced to leave early but still arrive late because of the road. Since the road has been upgraded, things are better as we can arrive at our destinations early.

”

Samuel Manyama,
taxi commuter from
Thakgalane village



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Previously it has been difficult because other places were very muddy, especially when it rained, and we could not transport our passengers to their destinations. It has been so bad such that people from Thakgalane could not travel to the wholesale complex, whereas those from the complex were unable to travel to Soekmekaar (Morebeng), meanwhile we also benefit as our cars last longer.

”

Gabriel Machete, Taxi Driver
(Sekgosese Taxi Association)
from Thakgalane village



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Before the road upgrade, even if I would leave home for work at 06h50, I would arrive at work around 08h00. But now, I leave home (Botlokwa) at 06h50 and arrive at work at 07h15 because the road is smooth to drive on. I arrive at work while I am still energetic, hence I thank RAL for the good work of road upgrade done at Thakgalane and wish this can be extended to other areas so that they can save on time too.

”

Mary Sathekge, Teacher at Pheeha Combined School (Thakgalane)
from Botlokwa



NEWLY UPGRADED RURAL ACCESS ROADS TO INSPIRE LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The newly constructed 32km rural access road project – upgrade from gravel to bituminous surface (tarred) linking several villages

across the Capricorn and Mopani Districts - will facilitate easy access and swift passage of people and goods between communities in the Limpopo Province. This will further provide community

members with faster access to major economic centres such as Polokwane, Giyani, Elim, and other provinces.

Constructed by the Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL), the project covers roads



Cyril Ramaphosa recently conducted a Presidential Oversight Visit to assess the progress made on the project thus far. He applauded RAL for the manner in which the project has been executed, resulting in the creation of 115 job opportunities (see page 6).

According to RAL Project Manager, Mr Musa Ndlovu, the scope of the work consists of an upgrading of 32.2km road, construction of V-drains and subsoil drains, installations of guardrails, construction of two bridges with one being repaired, installation of road signs and road markings, as well as 4km block paving through the village streets.

Ndlovu further highlighted that due to the nature of this project which traverses a mountainous terrain, under severe weather conditions, they had to apply various construction methods and materials to ensure that they provide quality roads to the communities. “Due to the types of slopes and terrain we are dealing with at Morebeng, in some areas we had to select different types of seals to cater for the specific needs of the area because the place is mountainous and at some stage double seals wouldn’t suffice, and even at some areas asphalt slope wouldn’t work,” Ndlovu explained.



D15, D3232 and D3150 - from the R36 provincial route via Morebeng to the road D11 at Tshabelane.

The project forms part of the S’hamba Sonke (meaning “walking together”) programme, a labour-intensive road construction initiated method by the National Department of Transport, which has seen the department investing in the rollout of road infrastructure mainly in the rural areas.

At 90% completion stage, President





Some of the community members from the Mopani and Capricorn districts who were employed during block paving of road D3232 at Thakgalane village.



Collectively, eight villages alongside the three roads stand to benefit from the project. Road D15 will make it easy for Ratsaka and Capricorn Park villages within the Molemole Local Municipality to access public facilities. The road links them with facilities such as Morebeng High School, Boshatolo Primary School, and a communal property association, which has two farms where most people in the villages are employed.

Meanwhile, road D3232 is along the Thakgalane village in the Greater Letaba Municipality, giving community members access to Pheeha Clinic, Lephai Secondary School, Thakgalane Community Hall, sports complex, and Pheeha Primary School. In addition, the road further traverses Itielene village also in the Greater Letaba Municipality, accommodating Mahloromela Poultry Farm, Mangoako Secondary School, and Itielene Community

Hall amongst other amenities.

Furthermore, road D3150 links Tshabelane in the Molemole Local Municipality and Ga-Raphahlelo village in the Greater Letaba Municipality where there are facilities such as Ramaite Primary School, a medical practice, a hotel and a lodge, as well as a wholesale complex. The road further extends to Roerfontein and Ga-Phooko villages in the Greater Letaba Municipality, which houses Sebelalo Primary School, Raphahlelo Clinic, and Soetfontein Rural Development Association (SRDA), which is the biggest public facility in the area, accommodating Sekgosese Community Radio Station, community offices and a hall.

Kgoshi Malekutu Pheeha from the Pheeha Traditional Authority implored community members to take care of the road infrastructure, alluding that, “The upgraded roads will result in the improved tourist attraction, enhance traffic durability by reducing traffic accidents, uncontrolled traffic intrusion, and water flooding.”

Moreover, Pheeha added that “the mountainous areas resulted in erosion and unfavourable slopes during rainy days, while floods negatively affected animals, and made it difficult for children to go to schools. However, currently with the tarred road in place, these challenges are a thing of the past.” (Refer to Mintirho Ya Vulavula on page 23).

The RAL team responsible for the commendable work done on the 32km road project (second from right) RAL CEO: Gabriel Maluleke, his team of engineers and the Head of Communications: Dr Maropeng Manyathela (right).

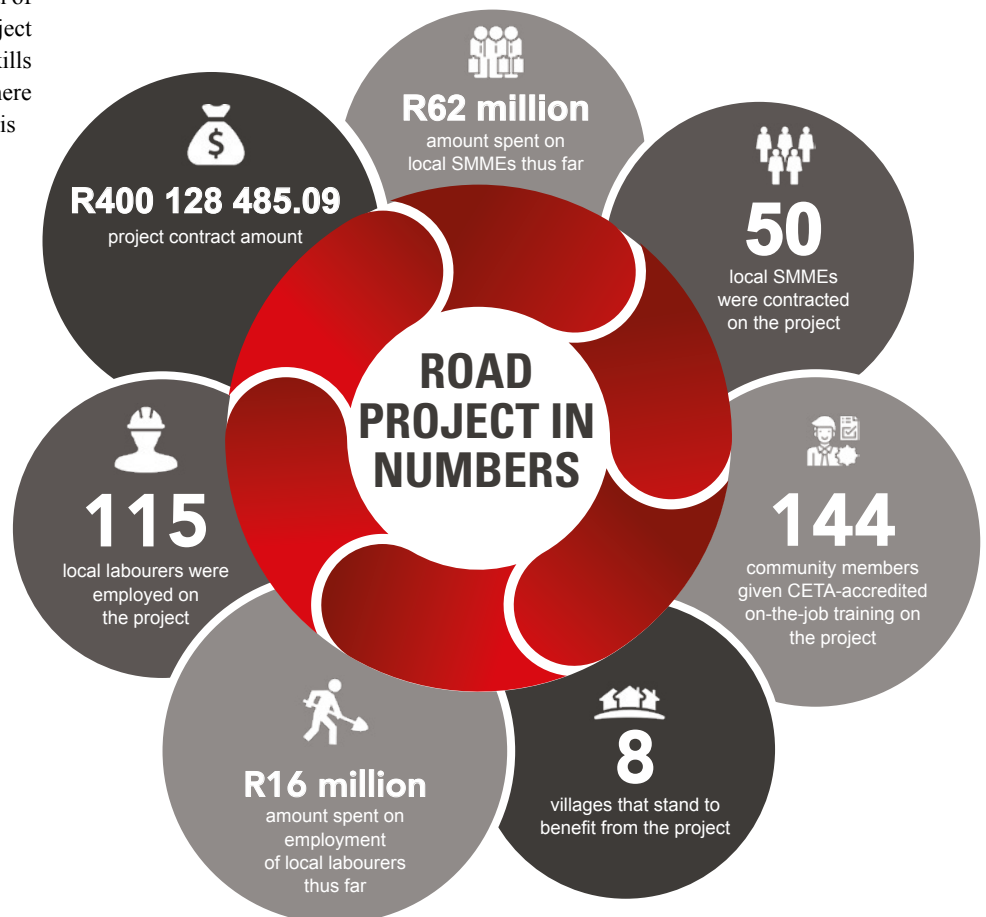
Like other RAL initiatives, the project did not solely focus on the construction of the road but also made provision for the employment of 115 local labourers, with a contractual amount of R16 million spent thus far. However, upon completion, a projected amount of R33 068 337.48 is earmarked to have been used.

Furthermore, the project empowered 50 local Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) as sub-contractors of material supplies, hired equipment and other road construction activities to the value of R62 million. An amount of R99 203 657.47 is expected to have been utilised upon the completion of the project (refer to SMMEs empowerment story on page 28).

For an improved service delivery during the implementation of the project, a total of 144 people working on this project received CETA-accredited training skills expected to be utilised even elsewhere after the completion of the project. This number includes the 115 local labourers, as well as 29 members of the community who benefitted from the project.



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In addition, during the construction of the 4km block paving, a total of 115 people were employed for a duration of four months for block paving, and a further three months for the 3km of concrete activities. Among these people, 40% were women (47 women), 23% were youth (27 youth), and 3% percent were those living with

disabilities (4 people).

The multi-year project worth R400 128 485.09 was initially scheduled for completion in 46 months - 15 September 2017 to 14 August 2021 - but was later revised to 27 March 2022, mainly due to weather challenges encountered during construction. ^m

50 LOCAL SMMEs

GET A PIECE OF THE CAKE ON RAL'S RURAL ACCESS ROAD PROJECT



As one of the SMMEs beneficiaries, Solomon Ramashia from Ga-Raphahlelo village and Director of Tally Brand (Pty) Ltd is contracted on the project since September 2021 to build V-drains along road D15.



Ms Mokgadi Ramokgopa, owner of Mokgadiwe (Pty) Ltd supplies 19 standard mobile and one executive toilet along roads D15 and D3150, states how exciting their experience has been as part of the SMMEs.

As the Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL) continues to determinedly support government's ongoing cause of investing in road infrastructure to decisively tackle the triple challenges of unemployment, poverty and inequality, road projects have taken the centre stage in the empowerment of local Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) in the Limpopo Province.

Like in other projects, the ongoing 32km road project that connects eight

villages has seen scores of SMMEs benefitting immensely as sub-contractors of material supplies, equipment hire and other road construction activities. The ongoing project is benefitting communities with upgrades from gravel to tar on roads D15, D3232 and D3150, from the R36 provincial route via Morebeng to D11 at Tshabelane in the Capricorn and Mopani districts of Limpopo Province.

The RAL Project Manager Mr Musa Ndlovu, explains that in every RAL project, a portion of 30% within the contracted

project is always earmarked to empower local SMMEs. He notes that so far on the 32km road project, an amount of R62 million has already been spent on the payment of services provided by SMMEs. However, upon the completion of the project, an estimated amount of R99 203 657.47 would have been utilised on the local SMMEs.

Mr Michael Nemetudi, Site Manager of Amawakawaka Projects, the company contracted to run the upgrading project, says so far, 50 SMMEs have been engaged

on the project, five of which belong to women and about 15 to the youth. He says dealing with SMMEs has its own challenges, especially at the infancy stage. “We encountered numerous challenges from the SMMEs, especially in terms of pricing because they would just price their services without referring to any policy document. However, knowing from the beginning that the project has to empower

tendering skills. “We also did what we call skills transfer from our personnel so that even after the completion of this project, local SMMEs could still use the professional skills they acquired in other business ventures.”

Ms Mokgadi Ramokgopa, the owner of Mokgadiwe (Pty) Ltd is one of the SMME beneficiaries contracted to supply 19 mobile standard toilets and one executive

that construction work is only for men. On the contrary, she is now convinced that the trade is for everyone who is determined to succeed in life.

Ramokgopa further notes that in a period of 14 months that she has been contracted on a rotational basis, “through a business workshop that was organised for us, they taught us a lot regarding running of sustainable businesses, as well as business



Mr Michael Nemetudi, Site Manager of Amawakawaka Projects (standing on the left), says SMMEs played a pivotal role in the success of the road project.

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them, we remained patient and guided them so that they could do their pricing the right way.”

Nemetudi adds that another project initiative relating to the empowerment of SMMEs involved training them on business management skills, financial skills and

toilet along roads D15 and D3150. She remarks that this is her first involvement in a project of this nature. Ramokgopa provides some insight about the project; besides enabling her to make an income to support her family, the project has empowered her, proving wrong the myth

strategies and drafting of invoices, which was something that troubled me in the past,” explains the single mother of five from Morebeng.

Meanwhile Solomon Ramashia from Ga-Raphahlelo village, a Director at Tally Brand (Pty) Ltd, says he has been contracted on the project since September 2021 to build V-drains alongside road D15. He extols the benefits of the project, especially how being part of the project has taught him a lot of skills, including the importance of taking an investment seriously.

“Being part of the SMMEs programme, I learnt how to invest in order to sustain the business in the future and to treat my workers with respect and dignity,” says the father of eight. 

PERSONALITY

In her free time, Hellen enjoys reading, going to gym, playing with her son and taking time to catch up with her favourite TV shows.



Capricorn FM DJ Hellen Seabi

STAYS RELEVANT IN A MALE-DOMINATED INDUSTRY

Although her parents wanted her to pursue a career in chemical pathology or medicine, Hellen Seabi, Limpopo's sought-after female DJ, continues to shine in a male-dominated industry.

The Capricorn FM party time (Friday Fiesta) presenter features on Fridays between 19h00 and 22h00, and she also drives the station's music section as Head of Music. She went against her family's wishes to follow her dream career in the entertainment industry and went on to complete a Communication Studies undergraduate degree in 2008.

"I wasn't great at Maths and Science so I couldn't pursue medicine or chemical pathology. I have always wanted to be on TV. Look at this face – it's supposed to be seen! In the end, radio chose me and it has been a relationship that has gone on for 16 years."

Over a decade, Hellen, as she is affectionately known in the entertainment circles, strove hard to cement herself as a brand that Limpopo has come to know, admire and celebrate.

Despite being born at Tembisa Hospital and raised at Dawn Park (Boksburg), both in the City of Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality, Gauteng Province, Hellen remains a true daughter of the Limpopo Province. Her Limpopo roots are reflected in her lineage; her paternal genealogy is traceable to the Seabis from Thabakgone Ga-Mamabolo in the Capricorn District, while her maternal side is linked to the popular Lekganyane clan – owing their association with one of the largest African independent churches in Africa.

Her rise to stardom was not by chance, it was a deliberate and well-thought-out journey. Every decision taken in the past 16 years of her career brought her to this moment where she is one of the busiest female DJ's in Limpopo and in the management structure of Limpopo's only commercial radio station. Her work speaks volumes and it is no surprise that in 2018 and 2019, she was named Best Female DJ by Limpopo Music Awards (LIMA) consecutively.

Like most on-air personalities worth their salt, Hellen cut her teeth at the

University of Limpopo (UL)'s campus radio station, Radio Turf in 2006, as a 19-year-old starry-eyed young woman registered for the BA in Communication Studies degree. She started out in the news department as a news reader before transitioning to the programming department as a presenter working on the midday show. In no time she was moved to the Radio Turf Breakfast Show where she settled and grew her audience and popularity until she attained her undergraduate degree in 2008. Never once getting disillusioned by the promise of fame, she focused on her studies, collecting several best student awards, attained her degree, and only then left to pursue her postgraduate studies with the University of

a song with the now widely famous successful vernacular comedian, Mashabela 'Papago' Galane, but she also resolved to learn all she could about spinning the decks in order to launch herself as a DJ. 'O bampisha mang' was her debut single released in 2011, which she later featured Galane for the remix.

"I still deejay but I have taken a break from releasing music. Music changes; look at the new Amapiano wave. One minute Gqom music is massive, the next minute Amapiano is big, and as an artist you don't want to be seen as someone who is just easily swayed. I am working on releasing a single with one of the biggest producers in the country, let's see how that goes," she exclaims.

"DRIVING ON RAL'S IMPROVED ROADS, FOR US BUSY PEOPLE WHO WORK BASED ON TIGHT APPOINTMENTS ENSURES THAT WE ARRIVE TO OUR GIGS OR DESTINATIONS ON TIME SO THAT WE DON'T KEEP OUR FANS WAITING."

Johannesburg (UJ).

As a result of constantly distributing her demos to various radio stations as she was pursuing her Honours degree in Broadcast Journalism at UJ in 2009, Hellen received a call that compelled her to abandon her postgraduate studies in Gauteng and return to Limpopo to join Capricorn FM as a sports presenter.

It was at this point at Capricorn FM that this vivacious stunner devised a multi-pronged plan to carve her illustrious career which saw her climb the ladder to the management level. Not only did she release

It was the established Limpopo-born producer, Afrika Soul, known for working on Kelly Khumalo's Asine Remix, who took Hellen by hand and sacrificed at least two hours daily to teach her the basics of DJ'ing, how to deejay in front of a crowd, as well as accompanying her to gigs to ensure that she develops the confidence to perform. It took an equal amount of sacrifice from Hellen to rise to the occasion as she worked long hours to perfect her craft.

"As a radio presenter you talk to people who are not present with you in the studio,

Hellen Seabi was among one of the top students in Communication and Media studies throughout the duration of her study at UL, and was constantly awarded bursaries.



however, DJ'ing is the opposite game. You are standing in front of a crowd that you have to read and respond to as you entertain them. Afrika Soul taught me all of that and I am grateful to him for his patience and efforts," explains Hellen. All said and done, she finally got her first booking in Mokopane in 2011 where she had the opportunity to put what she had learnt to the test in front of a large crowd.

As Hellen travels the length and breadth of Limpopo from one gig to the next, she

"SHE IS WHAT WE CALL AN ALL-ROUNDED WOMAN OF SUBSTANCE. ALWAYS PUSHING FOR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT BY FURTHERING HER STUDIES TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL. SHE IS BRAVE ENOUGH TO HAVE ALSO ENTERED A MALE-DOMINATED ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY."



depends on the Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL)'s road network infrastructure to get her to the different places where she is booked to play. Her experience with Limpopo roads has been a positive one.

"Rome was not built in a day; the work continues and many of us can see the progress that RAL is making. As I travel, I see the different roadworks that are currently underway, even though there are some roads that still need urgent attention. Driving on RAL's improved roads, for us busy people who work based on tight appointments ensures that we arrive to our gigs or destinations on time so that we don't keep our fans waiting," Hellen appreciates.

In preparation for the future, deciding to pursue her studies further was a no-brainer for her, thus once settled in her new role in Polokwane, she registered for her Honours degree in Communication Science with the University of South Africa, which she completed in 2018. She is currently waiting for the outcome of her MA Communication Science degree as she eyes a PhD qualification in the near future.

Never one to sit on her laurels and bask in her success, a determined Hellen who runs an all-male unit as Head of Music at Capricorn FM declares her love for the medium. "I don't see myself leaving radio anytime soon but I am fully aware that one day I will have to pass the baton to the next generation. That is one of the reasons why I study further, so that I may be able to venture into other opportunities in the future," she emphasises.

Supporting her best friend, Skeem Saam's actress Pebetse Matlaila (who plays the role of Mokgadi Matloga)'s foundation (Young Minds Utopia), confirms that Hellen Seabi is an empathetic media personality with a heart to serve. Twice a year they visit schools and donate sanitary towels to learners.

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Speaking fondly of Hellen, Matlaila describes her as a goal driven and multi-talented woman. "She is what we call an all-rounded woman of substance. Always pushing for personal development by furthering her studies to the highest level. She is brave enough to have also entered a male-dominated entertainment industry. She is a super woman and a role model to many," Matlaila highlights.

One thing is certain, Hellen Seabi is more than an identity, and a resounding brand that continues to grow beyond Limpopo.

"This is just the beginning! Can you imagine where I will be in five years' time? I am going far, I am a media mogul in the making," she quips. **m**



Hellen Seabi is a mother, an academic and a media personality who constantly juggles all these responsibilities of her life and is acutely aware of the amount of work she will still need to put in for her to remain relevant. She depends on a structured schedule to keep a balance in her life.



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Gorogang IX FC crowned champions of Gorogang Football Tournament following a thriller against Phokwane Zebras FC.



RAL CONTRACTOR PLOUGHS BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

As part of its community engagement projects, Gorogang Plant Hire, a company contracted by the Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL) to upgrade road D4370 in the Sekhukhune District from gravel to tar, has successfully hosted a top 8 soccer tournament at Mathukuthela village. The gesture has been lauded by the community for keeping the youth off the streets.

The 22.5km road serves a total of 11 villages between Mogaladi and Phokwane in the Makhuduthamaga and Ephraim Mogale Local Municipalities and is currently 87% complete, with about 15km now operational.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Gorogang Plant Hire, Mr

Layton Matlala, said that the tournament was a way of thanking the community for their support on the road project. He highlighted that working on the project was not easy, however, the community has demonstrated impressive support towards them as a team.

"Although we have not yet completed the project, we felt that since we have been here for some time now, we should do something for the communities around this area. I am very happy that the communities have given us so much support," Matlala appreciated.

As part of RAL's mission to contribute positively towards the economy of the province, Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) have become empowered by being

“TO THE ROADS AGENCY LIMPOPO, WE APPLAUD YOUR INTERVENTION IN EMPOWERING SMALL BUSINESSES BECAUSE THIS WOULD HAVE NOT BEEN POSSIBLE FOR SUCH BUSINESSES TO THRIVE WITHOUT YOU. YOU HAVE PUT A LOT OF PRESSURE ON US TO PERFORM AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT.”



Gorogang IX FC and Phokwane Zebras FC support soccer tournament initiative aimed at keeping youth off streets.

contracted to take part in building the vast 20 000km of the provincial road infrastructure network managed by the Agency. Matlala has since applauded RAL for this empowering initiative on giving Black-owned companies the confidence to build roads in the province.


“To the Roads Agency Limpopo, we applaud your intervention in empowering small businesses because this would have not been possible for such businesses to thrive without you. You have put a lot of pressure on us to perform and we really appreciate it,” said Matlala.

A large number of community members who attended the event expressed gratitude towards the tournament’s inherent attributes which they regard as a developmental tool to unite them while taking children off the streets.

A community member from Manotlwaneng village, Mr Isaac Rampisa, described the event as something truly special because it shows young people in the community the importance of sports in their lives. He also hopes that the soccer tournament will inspire youth to dream big about becoming the next PSL soccer stars from rural villages. “What Gorogang Plant Hire has done here today meets the expectations of everyone because they are ploughing back to the community,” added Rampisa.

Echoing Mr Rampisa’s words was Thabang Matlou, one of the tournament participants. “We are grateful for this social gesture because the soccer tournament keeps us from idling in the streets and reduces alcohol abuse.”

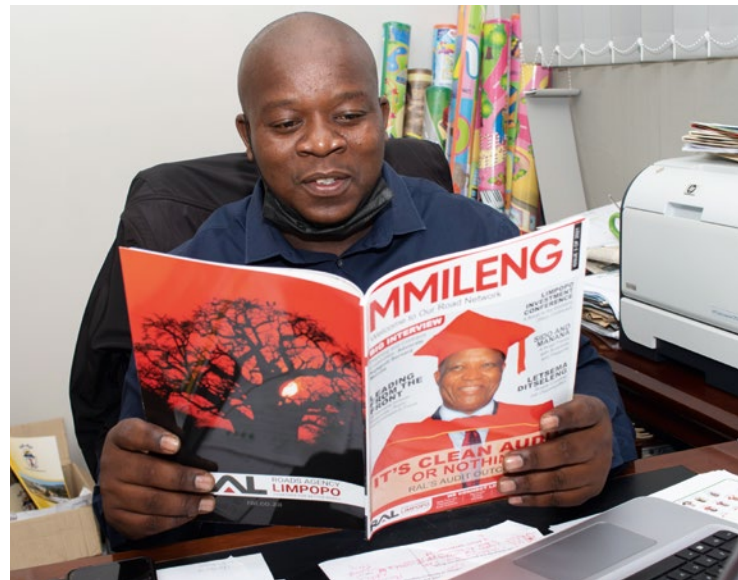
Another community member, Ms Choenyane Mamotiane from Gareagopola village, appreciated the initiative, citing that: “This is the first time we are seeing such developments in our community. Gorogang Plant Hire has showed us what community development is all about, even their work on the road leaves no room for complaints, as it is very satisfactory.”

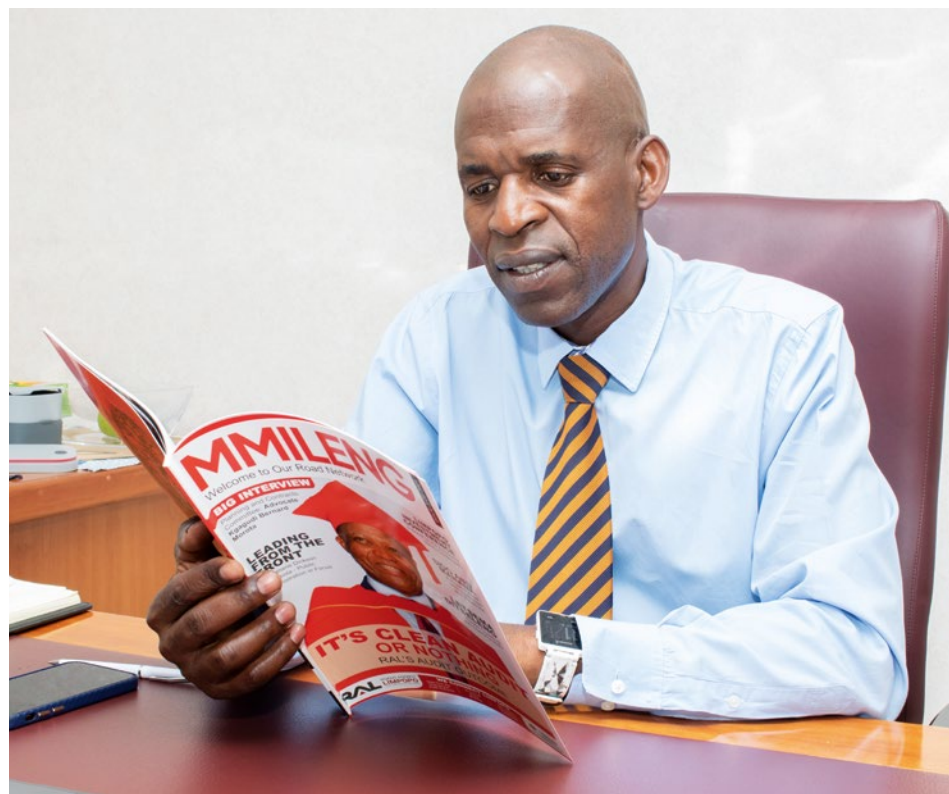
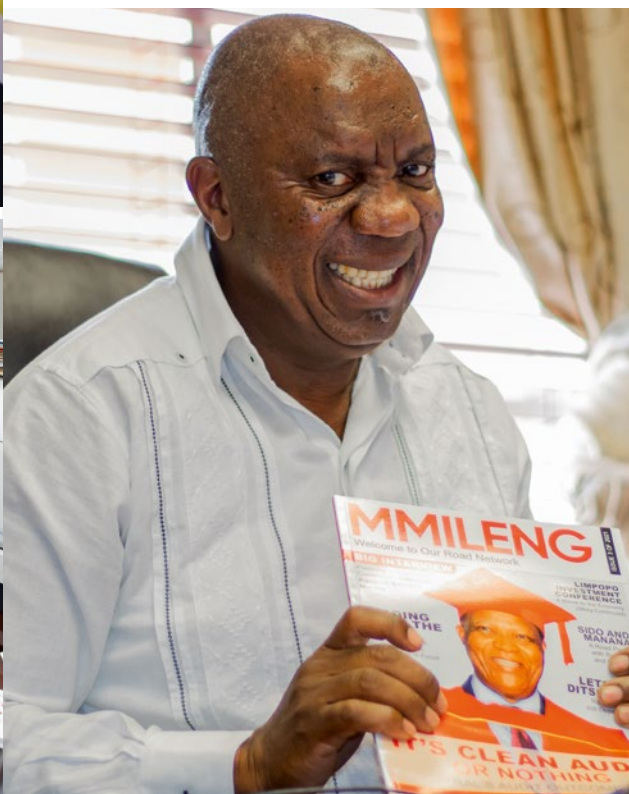
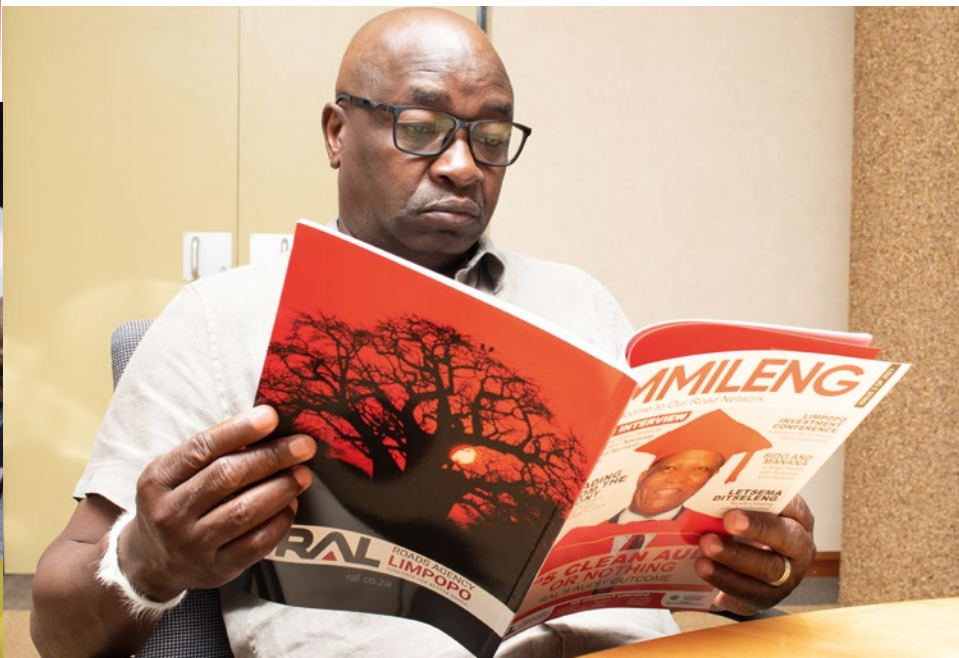
The annual soccer tournament was won by Gorogang IX FC, taking home R20 000 while the runner up Phokwane Zebras FC were consoled with R10 000 prize money. 





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