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MEC Ernest Rachoene's focus on improving Limpopo's road infrastructure and creating job opportunities

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To provide quality and sustainable provincial road infrastructure network for the economic development of Limpopo Province.

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MMILENG PROVIDES A PLATFORM FOR READERS TO SHARE THEIR VIEWS

This edition of *Mmileng* is a reflection of our continued dedication to keeping stakeholders informed and inspired by the strides being made in Limpopo's road infrastructure development.

Let me take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Editor of this publication that adds to the efforts of the provincial government of Limpopo to inform and interact with the public.

This edition marks a significant moment as we officially welcome Mr Moses Tseli as RAL's Accounting Authority and Mr Makhitha Chesane as the Acting CEO. Their leadership brings a renewed vision and vigour to our mandate of improving road infrastructure and service delivery. Together, they embody a commitment to excellence and a future driven by impactful initiatives.

We highlight the tireless work of the MEC for Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, Mr Ernest Rachoene, who has been a beacon of leadership.

Through initiatives like Dikgeregere, Stakeholder Tuesdays, and the pothole-patching campaigns, MEC Rachoene continues to address road infrastructure challenges with innovative and collaborative solutions. His efforts resonate with RAL's mission to connect communities and foster economic growth.

One of the standout stories featured on *page 20* of this issue is the successful partnership between RAL and Palabora Mining Company, a collaboration that is making significant strides in improving road infrastructure in



Mr Danny Legodi
Senior Manager: Communications

Phalaborwa. Such partnerships underscore the importance of stakeholder engagement in driving sustainable development. Lookout for more about partnerships that the private sector in Limpopo embrace to assist government and display a responsible corporate citizenship.

Let me not spoil your reading pleasure by letting the cat out of the bag. You will find more stories about the impact that roads make in our province.

One of the initiatives that *Mmileng* is bringing in the future editions is the Readers Corner where letters to the Editor will be published. I invite you to send your email about *Mmileng* to me on LegodiDO@ral.co.za. You may choose to write about how the road that was constructed in your area made a difference in your community.

“ WE ALSO HIGHLIGHT THE TIRELESS WORK OF THE MEC FOR LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE, MR ERNEST RACHOENE, WHO HAS BEEN A BEACON OF LEADERSHIP. ”

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BUILDING BRIDGES TO OPPORTUNITY: A RENEWED FOCUS FOR ROADS AGENCY LIMPOPO



Mr Makhitha Chesane
Acting CEO, Roads Agency Limpopo

As we reflect on our progress and chart the way forward, I am filled with immense confidence in the catalytic power of a well-maintained and well-managed road network in connecting people – both economically and socially.

At Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL), our vision is clear: to be a catalyst for Limpopo's socio-economic growth by delivering sustainable, world-class road infrastructure. We aspire to build a province where every road is not just for transport but a gateway to opportunities – connecting people, enabling businesses, and transforming communities.

Our focus remains steadfast on fostering collaboration, embracing innovation, and driving operational excellence.

This transformative vision is being led by the MEC for Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, Mr Ernest Rachoene, who has exemplified decisive leadership since his appointment in June 2024. Under his stewardship, road infrastructure and job creation have become central to Limpopo's development agenda.

One of the MEC's boldest moves has been tackling the operational inefficiencies within RAL, an entity integral to improving the province's more than 19 000km road network. His commitment to enhancing transparency, through the appointment of an Accounting Authority, is laying a solid foundation for sustainable governance. RAL's interim Accounting Authority, Mr Moses Tseli, has already made significant strides in addressing financial and governance challenges. His leadership, combined with a clear timeline-driven approach, inspires confidence that RAL will evolve into a key entity in fulfilling government's infrastructure priorities.

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This momentum is evident in the strides we are making to rehabilitate and upgrade road infrastructure across Limpopo.

A prime example is the recently relaunched Mavhunga access road, D3669, in Makhado Local Municipality. This road, which had faced delays due to poor contractor performance, has now resumed with renewed focus.

Once completed, the road will provide much-needed access to the villages of Phadzima, Mavhunga, and Rabali.

Similarly, RAL's completed maintenance projects over recent months, covering stretches of roads from three to six kilometres, are transforming lives across the province.

Communities now enjoy safer and smoother travel, providing better access to schools, healthcare, and markets. These successes are a testament to the Agency's ongoing commitment to improving the quality of life for Limpopo's residents.

By collaborating with the private sector, government, and communities, we aim to maximise the impact of every kilometre of road rehabilitated or constructed. Our goal is to create a Limpopo where no village is left disconnected, and every resident has access to safer, more reliable roads.

To our stakeholders and communities, I urge you to stay the course with us. Yes, challenges remain, but RAL is moving in the right direction. With strong leadership from MEC Rachoene and the dedication of our team, we are delivering on our promise to provide quality roads that unlock Limpopo's economic potential. Together, let us build a future where roads are not just pathways but bridges to opportunities.

RAL's

main functions and responsibilities are to plan, design, construct, manage, control and maintain all provincial roads for the Limpopo Province.



ROADS ARE THE ARTERIES OF THE ECONOMY

MEC ERNEST RACHOENE

With a strong focus on improving Limpopo's road infrastructure and creating job opportunities, the MEC for Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, Ernest Rachoene, is leading a transformative agenda aimed at enhancing the province's economic potential.

"Roads are the arteries of the economy – without them, nothing moves," asserts MEC Rachoene.

Since his appointment in June 2024, the MEC has worked diligently to establish himself as a leader who delivers on his promises, constantly highlighting the vital role road infrastructure plays in fostering economic growth.

Armed with a Bachelor of Public Administration, a National Diploma in Public Management, a Diploma in

Information Technology, and currently completing his Honours in Public Administration, MEC Rachoene has prioritised operational inefficiencies at Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL).

According to the MEC, a key focus for the Agency should be towards ensuring that road development initiatives are implemented in a sustainable and financially responsible manner. In line with this commitment, MEC Rachoene has taken decisive steps to align RAL's project planning with sound financial management principles. By prioritising strategic planning and execution, the Agency stands a clear chance of maintaining fiscal discipline and ensuring long-term sustainability.



Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba and MEC Ernest Rachoene in the Waterberg District to inspect the extent of damage caused by the January floods on the provincial roads.

Finding Practical Solutions

Limpopo boasts an extensive road network of over 19 000km, of which 13 197km consists of gravel roads. Converting these gravel roads to tar would require an estimated R300-billion – an amount far beyond the province’s current budget, according to MEC Rachoene.

In response, the MEC has introduced innovative initiatives such as the *Dikgerekgere Wednesdays* programme, a practical solution aimed at maintaining and revitalising gravel roads. This initiative focuses on clearing roads; blading, re-gravelling, and removing plant material to improve road conditions.

“We acknowledge that these measures don’t replace tar, but they improve access while we work on securing additional funding from Infrastructure South Africa (ISA), the National Treasury, and other entities,” says MEC Rachoene.

Through the *Dikgerekgere* programme, the MEC has further committed to expanding the department’s workforce, strengthening its capacity to deliver on the programme’s objective. To date, about 174 jobs have been created under his leadership which prioritises tangible results.



Road workers side by side with the MEC at Tickyline, within Tzaneen Local Municipal area of Mopani District.



MEC Rachoene hands-on at a pothole patching programme on road D4066 between Mogodi and Mamaolo at Ga-Mphahlele, within Capricorn District.

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Tackling Unemployment

Having held various leadership positions, MEC Rachoene has consistently expressed concerns about unemployment, particularly amongst the youth.

On assuming office, he pledged to implement initiatives focused on job creation, and he has stayed true to his word. In 2024 alone, MEC Rachoene welcomed 174 new recruits into the department, including 83 women, 73 young people, and three (3) individuals with disabilities.

“This is just the beginning,” he affirms. “We will issue another circular to advertise more positions before the financial year ends.”

These new appointments strengthen the department’s capacity in critical areas such as road infrastructure, education, health facilities, property management, and financial oversight.

MEC Rachoene on Stakeholder Engagement

The manner in which stakeholders are engaged is also improving under MEC Rachoene’s leadership. He introduced an enhanced governance platform known as *Stakeholder Tuesdays* to ensure seamless collaboration between the department and RAL, fostering greater transparency and accountability in project execution. *Stakeholder Tuesdays* is a platform where the department, RAL and community leaders can collaborate on road infrastructure development across Limpopo. These engagements assist in prioritising areas for development, informing government’s current reprioritisation process.

“This approach will help unlock bottlenecks and build trust with communities,” the MEC explains.



MEC Rachoene lands on his feet into the new year as he patches potholes along road D4066 in Mamaolo within the Capricorn District on 3rd January 2025.


MEC Rachoene highlights the importance of stakeholder engagement sessions in keeping all stakeholders informed about development projects. “By keeping districts, local municipalities, and traditional authorities well-informed about road projects in their communities, we can improve communication and reduce the community protests we’ve experienced in the past due to a lack of information,” he notes.

A Commitment to Action

MEC Rachoene’s leadership goes beyond policy. Earlier this year (2025), he led a pothole patching service delivery programme across Limpopo’s five districts, to address the damage caused by heavy rains. He has promised to continue this programme, noting that some areas will require more extensive rehabilitation.

In addition, MEC Rachoene has resolved stalled road projects and overseen the handover of contractors for new upgrades.

“Our people deserve roads that connect them to opportunities,” he says. “I am committed to ensuring that no community is left behind.”

With his results-driven approach, MEC Rachoene is charting a bold and innovative path for Limpopo’s road infrastructure, paving the way for a more prosperous future for the province. 

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Through *Dikgerekgere Wednesdays*, the Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure’s 36 Cost Centres across the province’s five districts continue to ensure that access and travelling on Limpopo gravel roads remains pleasant for motorists and commuters.

CONSTRUCTION OF MAVHUNGA ACCESS ROAD PROJECT BACK ON TRACK



The relaunch of the Mavhunga Access Road project brings renewed hope to the people of the Vhembe District, promising safer, more reliable infrastructure to enhance mobility, boost local economies, and improve the area's quality of life.

A symbolic sod-turning ceremony marked the handover of a new contractor and the resumption of work on the long-delayed Mavhunga Access Road project in the Makhado Local Municipality.

Under the stewardship of the MEC for Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure (LDPWRI), Mr Ernest Rachoene, the department has taken a new approach to addressing project delays across the province. The relaunch of the Mavhunga Access Road D3669 project signals a fresh start for critical infrastructure upgrade, reviving hope for the community.

Managed by Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL), the project aims to upgrade the 3.7km road from gravel to tar, connecting the villages of Phadzima, Mavhunga, and Rabali within the Makhado municipality, in the Vhembe District. This

upgrade is vital for improving the province's road network and supporting local economic development.

Construction on the road had stalled for over a year due to the poor performance of the previous contractor, who completed just 23% of the work when his contract lapsed. With the arrival of a new contractor, work on the road is now set to continue without further interruptions.

At the sod-turning ceremony MEC Rachoene reaffirmed government's commitment to providing safe, efficient and sustainable road infrastructure for the people of Limpopo.

"Road infrastructure is the cornerstone of economic development. It facilitates the movement of goods and people, supports local businesses, and fosters investment," the MEC said.


The MEC emphasised that the successful completion of the project would require a collective effort and commitment from all stakeholders. “We cannot tolerate underperforming contractors who hinder progress,” MEC Rachoene added. “The department is fully committed to ensuring accountability and delivering results.”

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MEC Rachoene assured residents of the Makhado municipality and the broader Vhembe District that the project would now proceed smoothly with no further delays.

“Both the department and its Agency, RAL, remain committed and dedicated to improving road infrastructure, and we will ensure that the people of Limpopo benefit from well-maintained, quality roads,” he emphasised.

The sod-turning event garnered strong support from local leaders and stakeholders, including RAL’s Accounting Authority, Mr Moses Tseli; RAL’s acting CEO, Mr Makhitha Chesane; and senior management representatives of the LDPWRI. Makhado Local Municipality Councillor, Ms Dorcas Mboi, and Councillor Miyelani Chauke, representing the Vhembe District Municipality Executive Mayor, also attended and encouraged the community to support the project.

Councillor Mboyi expressed her gratitude for the project’s revival: “I’m thrilled to have the project resume. We’ve struggled with mobility in the area, but this road will not only assist motorists – it will also benefit the community through job creation.” 

The Mavhunga Access Road offers a convenient alternative route from the busy N1 to Musina and the Beit Bridge border to Zimbabwe, helping to ease congestion and reduce traffic loads.



Dr Azwindini Mutshinya presents the MEC with a certificate from Mavhunga community development representatives.



A moment of a fulfilling reckoning as MEC Rachoene, accompanied by the RAL Accounting Authority, Mr Moses Tseli (2nd from the right) and Acting CEO, Mr Makhitha Chesane (1st from the left), receives a certificate of appreciation for relaunching the Mavhunga Access Road from some of the community leaders in the area.



Through Stakeholder Tuesdays, the Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure is fostering a transparent and inclusive approach to road infrastructure development. This initiative is helping to build trust and enhance infrastructure for all the residents of the province.

STAKEHOLDER TUESDAYS: STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure (LDPWRI) launched an innovative campaign to foster dialogue and collaboration around road infrastructure development across the province.

This transformative initiative, spearheaded by the MEC, Mr Ernest Rachoene, aims to strengthen engagement with various stakeholders and address the pressing challenges related to road infrastructure development in Limpopo. A groundbreaking initiative, *Stakeholder Tuesdays*, provides a platform for effective and inclusive service delivery, allowing stakeholders to engage directly with the MEC and Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL).

The sessions bring together a diverse cohort of stakeholders, including Traditional Leaders, Mayors, Community Development Forums, road users, local and district municipalities, business representatives, and taxi associations, ensuring that a wide range of voices are heard. This collaborative approach enables the MEC and RAL to gain a comprehensive understanding of community concerns.

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During the sessions, participants are not only given the opportunity to voice their challenges but also receive updates on current road projects in their respective localities and districts.

The initiative reflects MEC Rachoene’s commitment to addressing community concerns with urgency and transparency.

“Despite the challenges faced by my department, I remain optimistic that solutions are achievable. These stakeholder meetings are critical, and our commitment to delivering efficient road infrastructure to our people remains steadfast,” said MEC Rachoene.

By acknowledging difficulties and actively working on strategies to overcome them, MEC Rachoene underscores his dedication to meaningful progress in road infrastructure development across the province.

Stakeholder Tuesdays have a dynamic structure, allowing for engagements to take place at various locations throughout Limpopo, including at the MEC’s boardroom at LDPWRI head office. This flexible approach ensures that stakeholders from all corners of the province have the opportunity to participate in these impactful discussions.

MEC Rachoene also emphasised the importance of ongoing road assessments and monitoring, highlighting that these discussions must result in tangible actions.

The success of these initiatives hinges on proactive collaboration. The MEC expressed gratitude for the active role of local councillors in raising concerns and contributing to productive discussions. This collaborative spirit has paved the way for respectful and solution-oriented dialogues, ensuring that communities remain informed and empowered.

Looking ahead, the MEC emphasised the significance of sharing information to facilitate smooth service delivery. He hinted at upcoming innovative road projects and underscored the crucial role of mayors in ensuring that these initiatives align with the needs of the communities.

By integrating feedback from *Stakeholder Tuesdays* into future plans, MEC Rachoene reaffirms his commitment to addressing infrastructure issues in a coordinated, realistic and responsive manner. [m](#)



RAL AT WORK

MAINTENANCE

Following a decision to invest more in paved road infrastructure maintenance, Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL) has been hard at work implementing various projects across the Limpopo Province to restore the province's road network to drivable conditions.

Currently in various phases of completion, these projects are vital for community members to access essential facilities, travel to work and support improved economic development.

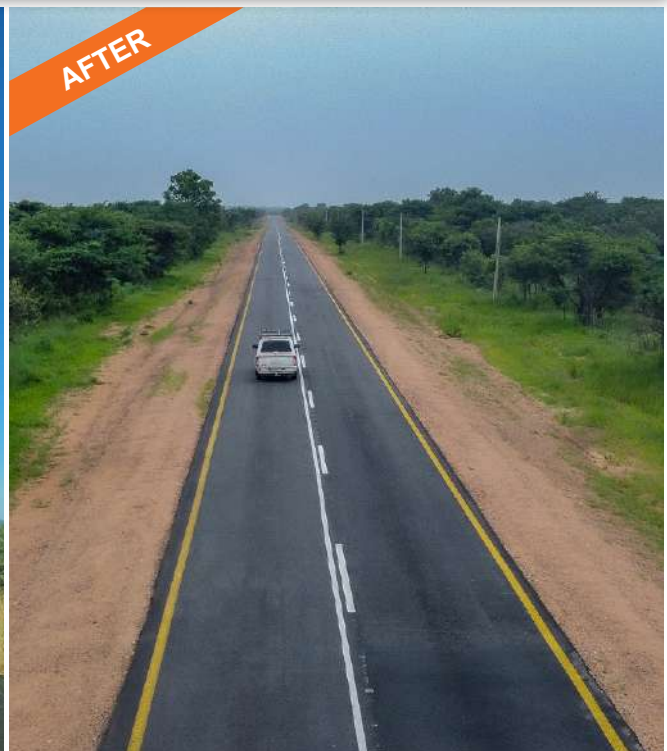
The Agency currently has approximately 36 ongoing preventative maintenance projects, enhancing its presence in all of the province's municipalities.

Mmileng, RAL's quarterly publication, visited some of these projects to observe firsthand results of the newly rehabilitated roads.

Note: Mmileng readers should be aware that some of the before and after photographs were taken from different locations of the roads depicted.

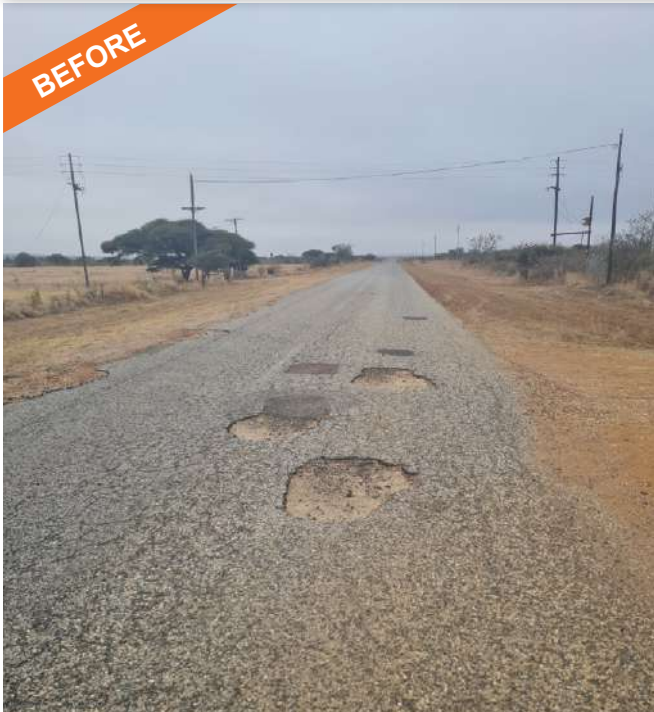
CAPRICORN DISTRICT

Road P18/2 in the Capricorn District received preventative maintenance from R101 towards Zebediela, with phase three work covering a 4km stretch. This road is vital for villages surrounding Zebediela, as it provides a link to the Kuchke Agricultural area and Polokwane.



CAPRICORN DISTRICT

RAL has recently completed the 5km third phase rehabilitation of road D688 – Bylsteel in the Capricorn District. This road passes through Bylsteel Farm, towards Tawni Safari Lodge in Polokwane, and connects to several other lodges and farms in the surrounding area.



MOPANI DISTRICT

The R528, also known as Georges Valley, in the Mopani District was rehabilitated for a stretch of approximately 3km, focusing on some of the worst sections, thereby alleviating motorists from driving on the pothole-ridden road. This road serves as an alternative to the R71 Magoebaskloof route.



SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT

The 3.8km rehabilitation of road P62/2 in the Sekhukhune District plays a pivotal role, as it connects the Hlogotlou villages and those nearby to Stoffberg, as well as farms adjacent to the road, thereby making the running of errands and businesses seamless in the area.



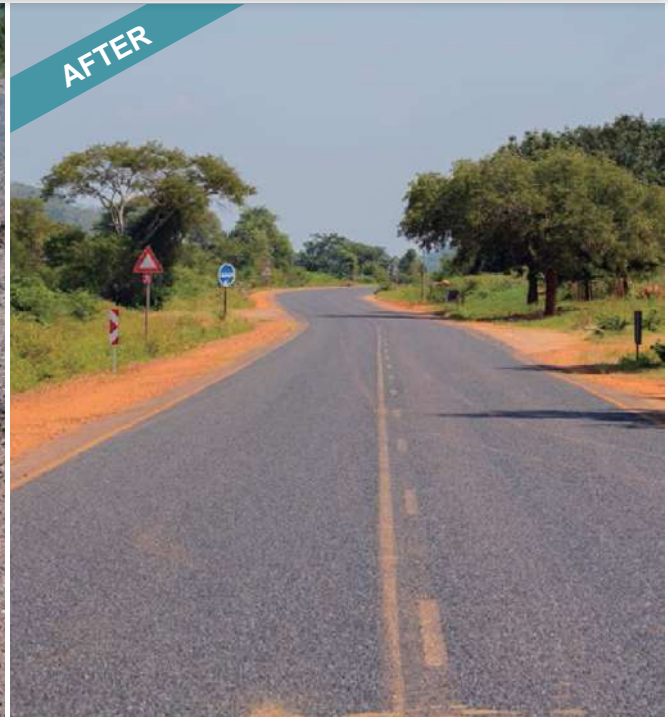
VHEMBE DISTRICT

Road D3715 in the Vhembe District received preventative maintenance from Madabani to Madodonga, then to Muduluni, and finally to Mathivhale on the R522, with phase one covering a 3.7km stretch. This road provides access to small businesses, schools, and a link to the R522, which leads to Louis Trichardt.



VHEMBE DISTRICT

Road P277/1 in the Vhembe District underwent preventative maintenance from Vhurivhuri towards Masisi, with phase two work covering an 8km stretch. This road connects adjacent villages to Thohoyandou for shopping and government amenities.



WATERBERG DISTRICT

Road P1/3 in the Waterberg District underwent preventative maintenance from Bela-Bela to the Limpopo Border/Gauteng. Phase one of the road covered a 4km stretch, providing an important alternative pathway from Limpopo to Gauteng.



RAL & SANRAL

MOA for the construction of
Moria interchange

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RAL is one of the best provincial road agencies in South Africa. I'm not saying this because I am in Limpopo, and no one has bribed me or intimidated me.



MR THEMBA MHAMBI

Chairperson of SANRAL Board

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RAL's Strategic Partners

Over the years, Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL) has recognised the importance of strategic partnerships in addressing road challenges and enhancing its budget for high-quality infrastructure. By engaging with the private sector, RAL has successfully raised over R700 million from mining and agricultural companies to develop Limpopo's road network, overcoming financial constraints and facilitating improvements.

Exxaro Resources, a key partner since 2015, has funded significant projects, including a R100 million upgrade of a 9.56km stretch of road D2001 and enhancements to roads connecting Ga-Seleka villages to Lephalale's commercial centre in the Waterberg District. They also completed a 14.1km upgrade of road D3109 in Waterberg.

RAL has partnered with eight mining companies to construct the new Steel Bridge on road D2219 in the Sekhukhune District, a project costing over R127 million

aimed at improving community access. The participating mines include Rakhoma Mining Resources, Dwarsrivier Chrome Mine, Glencore, Rustenburg Platinum, Samancor Chrome, Booyensdal Platinum, Tjate Platinum, and Two Rivers Platinum.

Northam Platinum Limited contributed R49 million for the surfacing of road D2357 and the restoration of a low-water bridge in Thabazimbi, while De Beers Consolidated Mines has upgraded and maintained over 110 kilometres of roads in the Vhembe District.

Additionally, the RAL-ZZ2 partnership, active since 2016, has achieved notable success in road maintenance across several districts, enhancing travel safety and supporting disaster recovery efforts. Meanwhile, Palabora Mining Company has also invested millions in the upgrading and rehabilitation of several roads in Phalaborwa.



EXCITING ROAD UPGRADES BRING RELIEF TO BA-PHALABORWA COMMUNITIES

Residents of Lulekani, Matikoxikaya, Maseke, and Mashishimale in the Ba-Phalaborwa Local Municipality are thrilled about the ongoing construction works on the D4424 and D3787 roads, which are finally receiving much-needed repairs.

This development is the result of a strategic partnership between Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL) and Palabora Mining Company (PMC).

In 2023, the two organisations signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA), reflecting their shared commitment to improving infrastructure and uplifting surrounding communities.

The MoA focuses on upgrading and rehabilitating approximately 40km of road in the Ba-Phalaborwa Local Municipality, located in the Mopani District. This initiative aims to enhance transportation efficiency, benefiting both commuters and local businesses.

Mmileng Magazine, RAL's quarterly publication, recently visited the site to assess progress on D4424, which connects Lulekani and Matikoxikaya. The project traverses Ward 3 and Wards 13 – 17, with plans to pave a 5.3km stretch, and reseal an additional 6km of road.

As of January 2025, approximately 2.7km of paving has been completed, and the remaining work is expected to be finished by March 2025.



Construction in progress on Road D4424, a collaborative effort between Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL) and Palabora Mining Company (PMC). Some sections are now open to traffic.

The entire project remains on track for completion by June 2025.

Some sections of the road are already open to traffic, providing immediate relief to road users.

Local stakeholders have expressed their satisfaction with the project's progress. Councillor Japhet Sindane of Ward 3 stated: "The project is moving quickly. While there have been minor challenges, they have not hindered progress."

"I encourage more private-sector partnerships like this one between RAL and PMC to help the government deliver essential services to our communities."

The project has also created job opportunities for local residents. Mr Prince Mkansi, a community member from Lulekani, shared his gratitude, saying, "Before this project, I was unemployed. This opportunity has provided valuable experience that will benefit me in the future."

RAL's Acting CEO, Mr Makhita Chesane, emphasised the importance of strategic partnerships. "The Agency cannot simply fold its arms and lament a lack of budget.



Some sections of road D4424 in Lulekani constructed as part of strategic partnership with Palabora Mining Company are now open to traffic affording motorists an immediate relief to the road's previous condition.

We have adopted a proactive strategy of engaging key players in the mining, agriculture, and tourism sectors to address road infrastructure challenges," he stated.

"This partnership with PMC is already yielding tangible results, and soon the people of Lulekani will enjoy improved, smoother and safer roads that make their daily lives easier." **m**

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Local stakeholders ensuring smooth progress on the construction of D4424, which connects Lulekani and Matikoxikaya. *From left:* Mr Teddy Mkhari (Resident Engineer), Councillor Japhet Sindane (Ward 3 Councillor), Ms Dzanga Mulaudzi (Site Agent), Mr Prince Mkansi (General Worker), Ms Thembi Mkhantswa (Community Liaison Officer), and Mr Joseph Khosa (Chairperson of the Project Steering Committee).

RAL'S INTERIM LEADERSHIP SETS THE STAGE FOR ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE TRANSFORMATION IN LIMPOPO

The interim Accounting Authority for the Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL), Mr Moses Tseli, has pledged to uphold clean and efficient governance as he takes on the responsibility at a time when the Agency faces financial challenges and governance uncertainties.

Tseli, a seasoned public servant, assumes his role during a period of significant provincial leadership changes, as the seventh administration sets out to prioritise road infrastructure as a key component of service delivery.

“My mandate as the Accounting Authority is to address pressing governance and financial challenges facing the Agency,” says Tseli, adding, “So far, I can confidently say we are making steady progress towards this goal.”

With a focused, timeline-driven leadership approach and an extensive background in governance, Tseli believes RAL to be a pivotal force in enhancing the lives of the people of Limpopo. “I see tremendous potential within our team, and I’m confident that together we will achieve our objectives,” he adds.

RAL is responsible for the provincial road network in Limpopo, contributing to the socioeconomic development of the province by connecting communities and facilitating growth.

Tseli brings a wealth of experience in public service, having previously served as Member of Parliament, in various capacities within the Limpopo Provincial Government, and as the former spokesperson for the late Minister in the Presidency, Mr Collins Chabane. He also serves on the board of the Limpopo Tourism Agency (LTA), where he focuses on destination marketing.

Since taking office in August 2024, Tseli has made substantial strides in steering the Agency towards recovery. Key accomplishments include implementing corrective

measures to address irregularities such as project over-commitment and financial mismanagement, which have previously hindered effective road infrastructure service delivery. “We have conducted audits of specific projects and engaged a reputable firm for forensic investigations. We do all this bearing in mind that, it is essential to hold past mismanagement accountable,” asserts Tseli

Tseli is committed to ensuring that despite the challenges, RAL’s dedication to improving road infrastructure service delivery remains unwavering.

Acknowledging that government grants alone are insufficient to meet the demands of Limpopo’s expansive road network, Tseli notes: “We are proactively engaging strategic partners in sectors such as mining and agriculture, along with collaboration with SANRAL (South African National Roads Agency), to address the road backlog head-on.”

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Rigorous monitoring of all awarded projects is a top priority for Tseli, who insists that quality workmanship must be ensured to safeguard public funds. “Subpar work will not be tolerated; those responsible will be swiftly removed,” he warns.

Committed to transparency and restoring public trust, Tseli acknowledges the need for open communication with stakeholders.

Mr Moses Tseli, interim Accounting Authority for the Roads Agency Limpopo, believes RAL could be a catalyst in uplifting the lives of the people of Limpopo. Tseli is dedicated to transparency and community engagement, recognising the urgent need to rebuild trust with the public.



“WHERE WE HAVE NOT MET EXPECTATIONS REGARDING ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE, WE OWE THE COMMUNITY AN APOLOGY, AND A CLEAR PLAN FOR THE WAY FORWARD.”

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He adds: “Our recent communications with stakeholders regarding our successes and financial challenges mark an important step towards rectifying past shortcomings.” In his leadership role, Tseli fosters an open-door policy designed to enhance team morale, regularly engaging with staff at all levels, to promote a culture of collaboration within RAL.

“Improving internal relations boosts productivity, which ultimately benefits the people of Limpopo through better road infrastructure,” he says.

One of the initiatives he has introduced, called RAL Fridays, is already having a positive impact, where staff members are encouraged to wear branded RAL apparel every Friday, stimulating a sense of team spirit and unity. *(Read more about RAL Fridays on page 40 of this publication).*

Tseli’s impressive career spans over three decades, including a 13-year teaching career and various notable political roles. He has consistently pursued self-improvement, earning a Diploma in Municipal Governance from the University of Johannesburg and several advanced courses and diplomas in corporate governance.

Most recently, in 2024, he graduated with a Master’s qualification in Public Management from the University of Venda.

“Education equips us to make informed decisions, especially when managing public finances. I encourage both youth and adults to take their education seriously,” he advises.

Tseli firmly believes that satisfied, well-supported staff members deliver exceptional service. “I make it a priority to listen to staff concerns that may impede their performance and identify ways to provide better support so they can perform at their best,” he shares.

As Tseli embarks on the monumental task of revitalising RAL, he draws upon his past experiences, including his tenure on the parliamentary portfolio committee overseeing major public enterprises like the SABC, Eskom and Transnet. “I have learned that the key to effective government entities is placing the right people in the right roles,” he asserts.

With Tseli at the helm, RAL is on the path to implement transformative programmes that promise to improve service delivery and ensure sustainable infrastructure for the residents of Limpopo.

This new era, according to him, will be characterised by accountability, community engagement, and strategic collaboration, signalling hope for a brighter future for all. **m**



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Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL) has been hard at work in recent months, rehabilitating roads that were previously in poor, often undrivable condition. Covering stretches ranging from three and six kilometres, these upgrades are not only transforming the daily lives of commuters but also improving road safety across the province.

Mmileng, RAL's official quarterly publication, visited various districts in Limpopo to gather feedback from the road users about the rehabilitated roads. Here is what they had to say:



I use road D959 frequently. Before RAL rehabilitated the road, it was in terrible condition and nearly impossible to drive on. Now, after construction, the road is in much better condition, and we can run our errands with ease.

Mr Phuti Kgwadi
Regular user of rehabilitated road D959 from Makhado to the air force base in the Vhembe District.



I am glad that road D1292 is now wide open, with clear lane markings, and visible road signs, especially at night. Accidents have reduced significantly because the old road, which was riddled with potholes, caused so many crashes. I can say the improvement is definitely noticeable.

Mr Mbochi Risiba
Regular user of rehabilitated road D1292, near R529 in the Mopani District.



The road was filled with large holes – more like craters. We appreciate the section that has been fixed; it's now smooth to drive on. However, we hope RAL will extend the rehabilitation to the rest of the road for a safer and better driving experience for everyone.

Ms Mary Mokonyane
Regular user of rehabilitated road P1/3 from Bela-Bela in the Waterberg District to Gauteng.



The road was in a very poor condition before RAL's rehabilitation efforts. The potholes were deep and right in the middle of the road. We hope they will repair the rest of the road soon, but we are already enjoying driving on the fixed portion. The repaired area had a high accident rate previously, but we believe the repairs will result in a significant reduction in accidents.

Mr Edward Tjiane
Regular user of rehabilitated road P62/2, towards Stoffberg in Sekhukhune District.

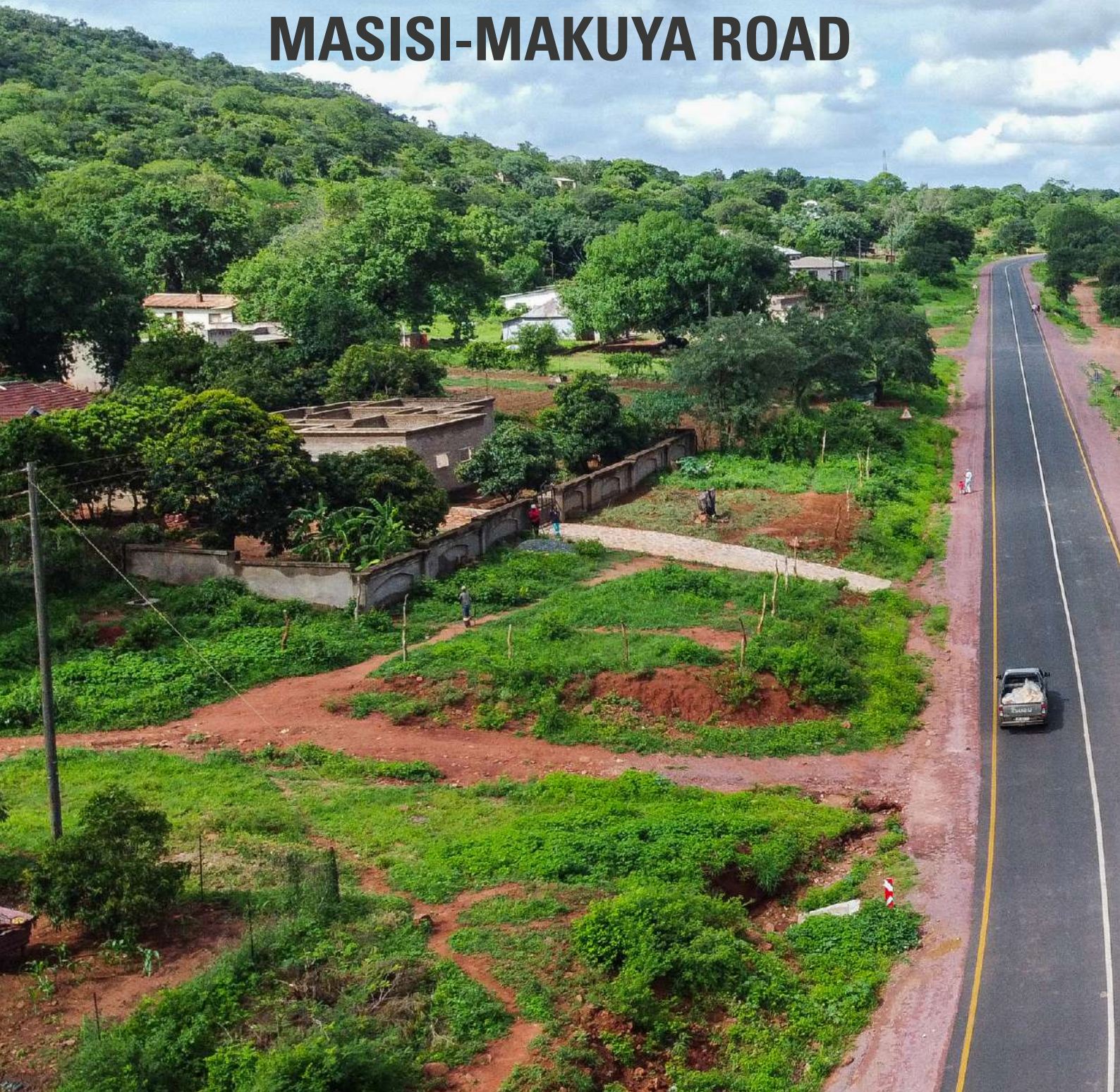


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COMMUTERS HAVE A SAFER, SMOOTHER RIDE

THANKS TO NEWLY UPGRADED MASISI-MAKUYA ROAD





The 25.2km road project from Masisi to Makuya connects communities from four traditional authorities: the Makuya Traditional Council, the Mphaphuli Traditional Council, the Mutele Traditional Council, and Tshikundamalema.

The completion of the 25.2km Masisi-Makuya road P2771 upgrade from gravel to tar has significantly improved mobility for communities in Makuya and Masisi.

Once a hazardous gravel road, the newly upgraded road has brought a sense of relief to the communities. The tarred route now offers a safer and more efficient connection to workplaces, schools and shops.

Spanning the Thulamela and Musina Local Municipalities in the Vhembe District, the upgraded road marks a notable transformation, converting years of difficult travel on dusty and slippery paths into seamless, safe access.

Delivered by Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL), which is responsible for the management of Limpopo's road network, this project is more than just an infrastructure improvement, it is a lifeline for the province's economic and social development.

The road project was completed in two phases, with phase one, covering 10.2km and including the construction of a 100m multicell bridge. Phase one was completed in 2015, while phase two, covering the remaining 15km, faced delays but was successfully finalised in 2024, just in time for the festive season break.

RAL's stakeholder management team, supported by the Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, navigated numerous challenges with local communities and contractors to ensure the project's success.

RAL Project Manager, Mr Musa Ndlovu, who oversaw the completion of the road, noted that, "over the years, the Makuya-Masisi project had come to a halt, and clear action was needed to resolve the challenges to ensure people could travel with ease and safely." He emphasised the importance of perseverance in overcoming setbacks that had previously halted the project.

The road, which traverses Wards 5 and 6 in the Thulamela Local Municipality and Ward 12 in the Musina Local Municipality, benefits several villages, including Masisi, Ha-Makuya, Ha-Mutele, Tswera, Vhurivhuri, Musunda, and Tshitavha.

Local residents have embraced the development with enthusiasm. "We appreciate our government, through RAL, for upgrading this road," said Mr Shadrack Munzhelele from Mutele village.



From dust to smooth journeys - what was once a dusty and muddy road is now a safe, reliable route, giving communities peace of mind as they travel to their destinations.

"It used to be extremely challenging to travel to Thohoyandou town, especially during the rainy season, as the road became slippery and dangerous," he said, adding that during the windy season the dust would obscure visibility, making the road unsafe.

"Delivery vehicles often struggled to access our villages for days due to the muddy conditions when it rained, leaving us without essential supplies," Munzhelele said.

"Now, travelling on the road is a pleasant experience, and we can commute easily without worrying about the safety issues that were previously notorious on this road."

A local taxi driver also highlighted the safety improvements, particularly on the steep hill towards Masisi, which had previously been prone to accidents. "The upgrade has made travel safer, easier, and less damaging to our vehicles," he noted.

Amongst some of the important facilities that are linked via the P277/1 are the Donald Fraser Hospital in Vhufuli and Makwarela government offices in Thohoyandou, which house the Department of Home Affairs, a South African Social Security Agency office, and other important government departments.

The road also ensures access to the various campuses of the Vhembe TVET College. Additionally, the road provides vital access to the towns of Thohoyandou and Musina, where local residents can shop and access other services.

It also serves as one of the main routes to the Kruger National Park and Mozambique via the Pafuri Gate, unlocking significant socio-economic opportunities for the region.

"We feel privileged and thrilled with the new road," said Ward 5 Councillor, Mr Rolivhuwa Mmbengeni. "What once took an hour on a bumpy, dusty road now takes just a few minutes. The new upgraded road has made travel safer and more efficient."

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Councillor Melita Ramofhi of Ward 12 in the Musina Local Municipality echoed Mmbengeni’s sentiments, expressing gratitude for the newly completed road. “We are very thankful for this new road. It will help us save on fuel as travel time is now shorter. Completing this project was challenging due to frequent rain, but the RAL team persevered and got the job done,” she commended.

The project has provided substantial economic benefits to the region, particularly through job creation and SMME empowerment opportunities for the local communities. In total, 146 local residents were employed during phase one, and 222 workers during phase two, with a total of R5 929 118.32 spent on wages.

Additionally, 22 small, medium and micro enterprises (SMMEs) benefited from the initiative, with R9 569 485.52 allocated to support SMME empowerment.

Project Community Liaison Officer (CLO), Mr Dovahani Nemavunde, expressed pride in the successful completion of the project: “Being part of this initiative allowed me to see locals benefit from jobs and sub-contracting opportunities, making a tangible contribution to the success of this road project, which will remain our legacy.”



The 25.2km road P277/1 between Masisi to Makuya in the Vhembe District has gone from gravel to tar, making it safer and more efficient for taxis to commute people, while saving time and fuel.

Ndlovu added a final remark: “RAL continues to focus on resolving stalled projects in collaboration with the Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure.”

The successful completion of the Masisi-Makuya road serves as a testament to the ongoing commitment to enhancing transportation infrastructure, improving safety, and fostering economic development in the province. [m](#)



The Tshamavhudzi Mountain Road, once notorious for accidents, now offers a safer driving experience following RAL-led upgrade of road P277/1.

ROAD MAINTENANCE PROJECTS MAKE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON LOCAL SMMEs

Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL) consistently demonstrates its dedication to empowering small, micro, and medium enterprises (SMMEs) through its road infrastructure projects.

Guided by government's mandate to support local economic development, RAL ensures that every project undertaken not only improves the province's road network but also creates valuable opportunities for local businesses to grow and thrive.

This edition of *Mmileng* shines a spotlight on three SMMEs that have benefitted from RAL's recently completed preventative maintenance road projects across the province.

These projects, ranging from three to six kilometres in length, have transformed previously poor and undrivable roads while simultaneously empowering local businesses and uplifting communities.





Mr Majozi Makua, director of LDVGL Construction and Projects, based in Sehlakwane in the Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality, Sekhukhune District. LDVGL Construction and Projects was sub-contracted to provide a tipper truck and water cart during the preventative maintenance of road P62/2, connecting Hlogotlou to Stoffberg, in the Sekhukhune District.



I have learned so much through this RAL road project. Currently, my company is registered with the CIDB (Construction Industry Development Board) Grade 2, but with the work and experience I've gained here, I hope it will elevate me to an even higher grade.

My role as a sub-contractor during the 3.5km road rehabilitation project from July to October 2024 has been invaluable. Within this short period, I gained experience in managing workers, handling invoices, and ensuring I am presentable and professional in all aspects of my business operations.



Ms Mpho Mahlangu, director of Thombeni Business Solutions, based in the Bela-Bela Local Municipality, Waterberg District. Grass cutting services on road P1/3, which connects Bela-Bela and Gauteng in the Waterberg District, were carried out by Thombeni Business Solutions as part of the preventative maintenance.



During this RAL road project, I had eight women and three men working under me. From a business perspective, I learned how to manage the attitudes of the workers. This experience helped me align them with the work conditions and the contract they had signed, ensuring the successful completion of the road project.

The people management skills I gained will be valuable in the future, especially as I take on larger projects with more workforce.



Ms Pearl Madibana, director for Ditlou Tsa Magashule, based in Bergnek in the Polokwane Local Municipality, Capricorn District. Ditlou Tsa Magashule was sub-contracted to provide a tipper truck during the preventative maintenance of road P18/2, connecting Polokwane and Zebediela, Capricorn District.



Although many things didn't go as planned, I truly appreciate the opportunity to provide services during this RAL road project.

For me, it was an eye-opener as it was my first time participating in a government project. I learned a great deal, particularly about how to access SMME opportunities in government projects, which will undoubtedly open doors for my business in the future.



Through its proactive engagement with local SMMEs, RAL continues to drive economic growth, providing valuable skills and creating lasting opportunities for businesses to expand and succeed.

These projects not only improve road infrastructure but also serve as a catalyst for economic empowerment, supporting the broader development of Limpopo's communities.

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Roads continue to play a critical role in economic development and growth of the Limpopo Province. Though the province is predominantly rural, a good and well-maintained road infrastructure that connects communities to the economic mainstream is crucial for further development.

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NEW YELLOW FLEET BRINGS MAJOR BOOST FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE IN LIMPOPO



The Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure acquired 251 new heavy earthmoving machines in December 2024 to help expand its efforts to maintain the province's gravel roads. The new machinery will significantly enhance the department's ability to maintain gravel roads, complementing the existing fleet and aligning the provinces ongoing road improvement efforts. Specifically, the new machinery will support the #DikgerekgereWednesdays initiative, an essential service delivery programme, which focuses on blasting gravel roads, re-gravelling where necessary, and clearing road reserves.



The strategic investment in the yellow fleet is expected to accelerate the maintenance process, improving the efficiency of both paved and unpaved roads. This initiative will enable smoother, safer roads for all users, improving travel comfort and reducing road-related disruptions across the province.



THE VOICE

THAT BRINGS RADIO TO LIFE

For broadcast legend Ashifashabba radio is more than just a profession, it's a way of life and a passion he hopes to pass on to the next generation.

Limpopo's legendary media personality Shonisani Aubrey Muleya, better known as Ashifashabba, makes radio broadcasting seem effortless.

With years of experience in the radio business, he attributes his success to passion, dedication, and a unique blend of hard work and creativity. When asked how he makes radio sound so easy, he grins and offers a playful hint: "Psst ... don't tell anyone. There's no big secret, but exposure and experience go a long way."

The popular comedian and radio presenter co-hosts *The Ashifa Breakfast* alongside Lelo Mogaleadi and BK Matewe on Energy FM and Choice FM, on the morning drive from 6 to 9 am weekdays.

For him, radio is more than just a profession, it's a calling. "Radio is my life. I listen to it day and night," he shares. "You're never too old to learn, and staying loyal to the medium is key to learning. That's how I keep my ideas fresh and relevant." Ashifashabba's radio journey began in 1993 at Technikon Northern Transvaal's (TNT) Campus Radio, where station founders Hector Motau and Zola Ntolosi gave him his first break, while he was studying civil engineering.

"I practised extensively before going on air for the first time, and it went incredibly well," he recalls.

"People from the Soshanguve community even came to see me. Back then, I called myself Jam Master before the name Ashifashabba came along."

Asked about the origins of Ashifashabba, a name that has become synonymous with Limpopo's media landscape, Muleya recalls how he had styled his hair like that of Shabba Ranks during a fashion competition at TNT's Fresher's Ball in 1993.

He says the crowd's enthusiastic cheers cemented the nickname Shabba, and it has stuck ever since, though he added the prefix Ashifa (here is) for uniqueness. Reflecting on his early days in radio, he shares: "The most valuable lesson I learned was the art of storytelling using African languages. It's not just about engaging the mind; it's about connecting with the soul of the listener."

Ashifashabba's talent soon led him to YFM, where he worked from 2000 to 2006, hosting the Friday evening and Saturday mid-morning shows. Despite not having prime slots, his audience grew rapidly. He credits industry veteran Greg Maloka for playing a pivotal role in his growth at the station.

Ashifashabba also speaks with admiration about the legends who inspired him. "I looked up to icons like Sakkie Dagada and Razzmatazz Tshindangolo Mashige, who worked at the then Radio Thohoyandou.

"In Gauteng, I admired Thuso Motaung, Chomane Chomane, and the Radio BOP gang. They had this incredible ability to make you feel like they were right there with you, whether you were listening to the radio from your living room or in your car."

A defining moment in his career came in 2004 when he conducted a live BBC Radio interview in the United Kingdom, celebrating the life of fellow radio legend Khabzela (Fana Khaba).

"The exposure gave me the confidence to realise that what was being done at that level could also be achieved here in Limpopo. By combining passion, personality, humour, and experience, I've built a lasting bond with my listeners."

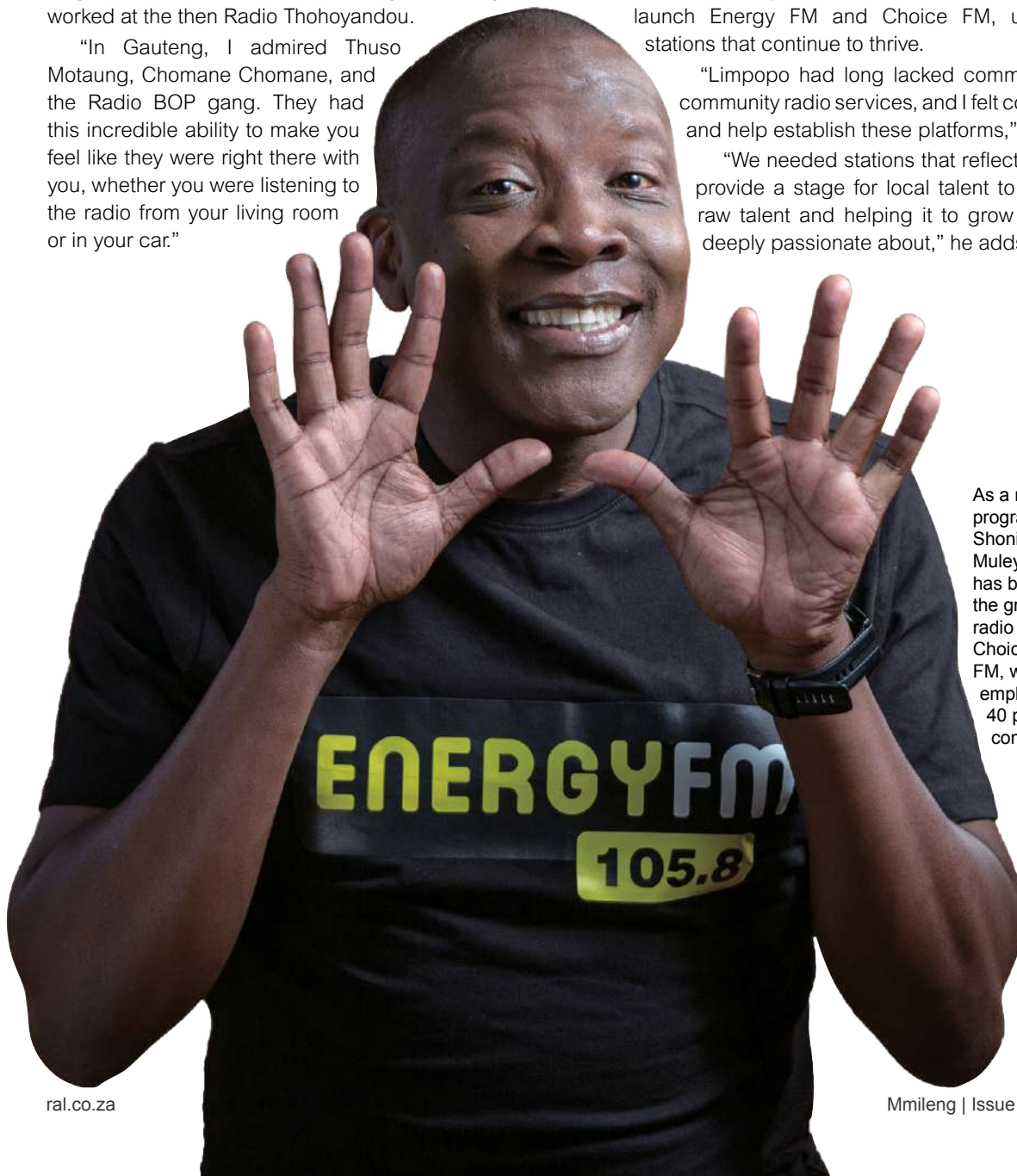
“ LIMPOPO HAD LONG LACKED COMMERCIAL AND URBAN COMMUNITY RADIO SERVICES, AND I FELT COMPELLED TO RETURN AND HELP ESTABLISH THESE PLATFORMS. ”

Returning to Limpopo, Ashifashabba became a trailblazer in the province's radio industry.

He played a key role in establishing Capricorn FM, Limpopo's only commercial radio station, and helped launch Energy FM and Choice FM, urban community stations that continue to thrive.

"Limpopo had long lacked commercial and urban community radio services, and I felt compelled to return and help establish these platforms," he explains.

"We needed stations that reflect our diversity and provide a stage for local talent to shine. Mentoring raw talent and helping it to grow is something I'm deeply passionate about," he adds.



As a mentor and programming expert, Shonisani Aubrey Muleya "Ashifashabba" has been instrumental in the growth of community radio stations like Choice FM and Energy FM, which now provide employment to over 40 people from local communities.

PERSONALITY

Born on 13 February 1975 in Makwarela township, Limpopo, Ashifashabba's linguistic versatility sets him apart. He speaks Tshivenda, Setswana, Sepedi, and Sesotho fluently. His talents extend beyond radio.

In 2001, he ventured into stand-up comedy, using his talent for storytelling skills and animated voice. His unique Ashifa Lingo – a fusion of indigenous languages – resonated with audiences, leading to the release of his three comedy CDs.

His comedic career transitioned into television, with roles on Muvhango (2003–2006), The Ashifashabba Comedy Television Show (2003–2006), A Jozi Christmas Carol (2005) and the movie Elelwani (2012).


He also featured in TV commercials and competed in Strictly Come Dancing (2006).

As a frequent traveller, Ashifashabba appreciates the improved road conditions in Limpopo. "I'm pleased to see Roads Agency Limpopo engaging actively in road maintenance and upgrading roads across the province. Their efforts make travelling much smoother, especially for someone like me who's constantly on the road trying to make a living," he says.

Asked about the future of radio in the digital era, Ashifashabba remains confident: "Radio will never die. It's an emotion-driven platform connecting with listeners' hearts. Even with social media and podcasts, radio remains the most accessible, trusted, and relevant medium."

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His influence extends to producing and mentoring the next generation of broadcasters.

"There are too many to name, but they're doing us proud, hosting prime slots on stations like Thobela FM, Munghana Lonene, Phalaphala FM, Capricorn FM, and commercial giants like Jacaranda and Metro FM." 

Beyond his roles as a radio personality and comedian, Ashifashabba excels as an MC for both corporate and social events.



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DID YOU KNOW?

In the past five years, Roads Agency Limpopo projects have created approximately **7 712 work opportunities for local labourers**, ensuring numerous communities benefit. This initiative aligns with the entity's **mission to enhance the socio-economic status** of the province's residents.





FLYING THE RAL COLOURS EVERY FRIDAY TO INSPIRE BRAND PRIDE

Every Friday, the staff of Roads Agency Limpopo (RAL) proudly wear their brand, fostering a sense of camaraderie and team spirit.

RAL Fridays is an exciting initiative launched within RAL to create a lively and cohesive work environment. The internal campaign, championed by the agency's Accounting Authority, Mr Moses Tseli, comes at a pivotal time when the organisation is undergoing significant and meaningful changes.

The initiative aims to boost employee morale and reignite a culture of pride in the RAL brand. Its premise is simple yet highly effective: every Friday, staff members are encouraged to wear RAL-branded attire, creating a vibrant and united workplace atmosphere. Much like South African sports fans donning their team's colours ahead of a major match, this seemingly small but impactful act symbolises unity, fostering team spirit and enhancing camaraderie among employees.

The launch event was a resounding success, with staff enthusiastically embracing the initiative and expressing

their excitement about becoming RAL ambassadors. Addressing employees, Tseli emphasised the importance of cultivating a sense of community and teamwork to ensure RAL's sustained progress.

However, RAL Fridays is about more than just the attire—it represents a deeper effort to connect employees to the organisation's purpose and vision. "This initiative serves as a reminder of the collective role each individual plays in RAL's journey towards achieving its objectives of improving the lives of the people of the province through efficient road infrastructure," Tseli explained.

Many employees have welcomed the initiative, describing it as fantastic. "It has uplifted our spirits and fostered a stronger sense of pride and unity. The positive shift in morale confirms that this is more than just a dress code—it will unite us and create a sense of equality," said Mr Kishan Tulsi, GM: Planning and Design at RAL.

Ms Anna Monthiba, Front Desk Operator at RAL, added that the branded attire will help convey professionalism and purpose. "People will see that we mean business when we

are dressed in RAL-branded attire. It will also make us easily identifiable, especially to external stakeholders, which is a great advantage.”

This renewed focus on cohesion, according to Tseli, comes at a critical juncture as RAL continues to implement numerous projects in collaboration with external

stakeholders. Strengthening communication and unity within the workforce is essential to ensure the seamless execution of these initiatives.

RAL is driven by eight core values: reliability, efficiency, accountability, transparency, excellence, diversity, teamwork, and commitment. [m](#)

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RAL’s Accounting Authority, Mr Moses Tseli, outlining the importance of improved employee morale at the launch of RAL Fridays.



Mr Katlego Legodi and Mr Clifford Mabuza look on as presentations about taking pride in the RAL brand are delivered by speakers of the day.



Messrs Rendani Likhade, Khutso Nkoana and Hobyane Makgopa donned in RAL branded golf shirts during the launch of RAL Fridays.



Mr Moses Tseli poses with the HR team. From left: Ms Daisy Kenny, Ms Basetsana Kgagara and Ms Thandi Hlabangwane on the far right, who won the RAL Fridays Competition that served as a build up to the launch.





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The way we conduct ourselves and our business in pursuit of our vision and mission is underpinned and guided by the following corporate values:

ACCOUNTABILITY

We remain accountable to all our stakeholders and the environment

COMMITMENT

We are committed to delivering quality road infrastructure in the province with pride

DIVERSITY

We value and embrace diversity within the work context

EFFICIENCY

We will go the extra mile in serving our communities

EXCELLENCE

We strive to exceed expectations

RELIABILITY

We offer reliable, safe and economic road infrastructure

TRANSPARENCY

We are transparent in both our internal and external business processes

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We work together for better roads



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