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EXECUTIVE MAYOR LAUNCHES SCHOOL SHOES DONATION DRIVE for Learners in Need

Executive Mayor Cllr Martha Bartlett together with MacroComm kick-started a citywide initiative to support learners in need in Roodepan, and Homevale. Up next will be Ritchie, Galeshewe and Riverton.

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Executive Mayor's Reflections on Ekapa Mine Twin Shock



The dawn of Tuesday, 17 February 2026, brought in its wake a dark cloud over Kimberley. Into the afternoon and evening, reports of five mineworkers trapped underground in a mud rush incident at the city's Ekapa Minerals Du Toitspan Joint Shaft mine reverberated around the country.

Solidarity: We would like to assure all affected families, colleagues and friends of our profound empathy and pledge our solidarity in this time of continued unimaginable distress. We are a city united behind the affected families.

Search Efforts: On the 16th of March 2026, it is a week later that only one body has been retrieved from the belly of the earth. We remain hopeful that the search operations will end with the retrieval of the remaining four bodies. Despite the recovery teams being faced with challenging underground conditions, efforts are ongoing.



We convey our sincerest gratitude to the multifaceted team of rescue specialists that were involved, crystallising that human life is precious. We also extend our warm thoughts to all stakeholders; the entire Ekapa family, the professionals providing counselling, search and rescue specialists, unions and the many residents that were at hand and those still rendering support. The municipality's Emergency Services is acknowledged too with appreciation.



Charity: I wish to extend my warmest thoughts of appreciation to the religious bodies that did not only lead in prayer sessions but exemplified human compassion. We count in the young souls at schools, business leaders, institutions, and persons that have made contributions in alleviating the plight of the affected families and workers. It has been highly encouraging to note the various acts of benevolence, which also came from the Premier Dr Zamani Saul on behalf of the provincial government.

Oversight: In his two visits of which I was a part of on Friday 20 February and the follow-up on Friday 27 February, Mineral and Petroleum Resources Minister Gwede Mantashe, provided guidance in leading government's involvement. Parliament's Portfolio Committee on Mineral and Petroleum Resources conducted an oversight visit on Friday, 13 March and made pronouncements into the impending liquidation of the mine. We trust that all the pending labour related issues shall be resolved.

Job Losses: It is a case of a twin tragedy, over 1 000 workers are now jobless, a death knell to the city's once upon a time diamond mining dependent economy. Ekapa Mine's existence goes beyond job creation to its employees. It is at the epicentre of an economic value chain. The economic shock stretches to suppliers, transportation, landlords and other businesses anchored around it.



An Economy Anew: We ought to act fast and solidify the processes and put into motion the municipality's Growth and Development Strategy. The Ekapa Mine debacle must push us to draw deep insights and take brave decisions that would catapult us towards an economy anew anchored on decent jobs.

Hearteningly: The headship of the province, Premier Dr. Saul, will be leading the Northern Cape Investment and Job Summit here in Kimberley from the 13th to 15th April 2026. This inaugural all-important gathering will be sharply focused on infrastructure development, job creation opportunities, accelerated industrialisation, and renewable energy. On the latter, apart from the two solar parks at Droogfontein near Riverton, there is still immense potential for a significant contribution to the national grid.



The Northern Cape Investment and Job Summit present Sol Plaatje Municipality with an opportunity to earnestly respond and unpack its new business establishment incentivisation scheme. For the investor, the proof is in the pudding.



Kimberley as the capital city and the administrative seat of the provincial government, should be resilient and cannot submit to a tag as a university city. The city of firsts must cast itself as a city with an array of investment opportunities in the offing. It must sparkle anew as a city capable of absorbing graduates, offering decent job opportunities, and providing sustainable livelihoods.

A Contribution Beyond Mining: We acknowledge Ekapa Minerals as one of Kimberley's largest employers and a partner of the municipality in our efforts of repairing and refurbishing Sol Plaatje Municipality's bulk water supply infrastructure, especially in producing high quality water at our Riverton Water Treatment Plants, old and new.

Executive Mayor Launches R14.5m Sewer Pipeline



Beaconsfield- Wednesday, 4 March 2026: The Sol Plaatje Municipality Executive Mayor Martha Bartlett has launched a R14.5 million sewer pipeline project that will service the communities of Greenpoint, Beaconsfield and Diamond Park. The latter residential area has been plagued by persistent sewage spillages.

The new grant funded two-kilometre durable PVC (polyvinyl chloride) that is 700-millimetre diameter sewer pipeline will stretch from the Beaconsfield Wastewater Treatment Plant to Cape Town Road. It will replace the old and collapsed cement Asbestos pipeline.

“We will be commemorating national Human Rights Day here in Kimberley on the 21st of March 2026. Human dignity and its inextricable link to living in a habitable and sustainable environment are a human right fundamental.



“Hence, I wish to assert that this launch of this sewer pipeline project worth R14.5 million is a significant service delivery stride in fostering human dignity for the people of Diamond Park, Greenpoint and Beaconsfield,” emphasised the Executive Mayor.

The new pipeline aims to significantly improve sanitation services and eliminating persistent sewage spillages in the three areas.

“The implementation of this project underscores our responsiveness and unwavering commitment to ensuring that we avoid grant allocations returned to the national purse. It cannot be business as usual when we are confronted with a need to upgrade our sewer network while grant allocations are withdrawn.

“Through this voyage, we get to appreciate the good in us being beneficiaries of grants proffered by national government. Ours is to put shoulder to the wheel in tackling the menacing sewage spillages in many a residential area.”



The Executive Mayor extended an appeal to residents, pleading that they help safeguard the project amid two incidents of it stopped by local community members jostling for jobs.

“Please allow for the project to be completed within the specified time and approved budget. Government deserves value for money from the contractor; you deserve human dignity and living a good life that is free from sewage spillages.”

The project entails earthworks and laying of the new pipes underground. It is set to be concluded at end June 2026.



FACT BOX: THE R14.5 MILLION SEWER PIPELINE PROJECT

The Collapsed Sewer Pipeline from Cape Town Road to Beaconsfield Wastewater Treatment Plant (Contract Number – INF/CE/T6/2023), also known as Project 16 in the pool of contractors.

Description	Time frame
Tender advertisement	Jul 24, 2025
Tender closure	Jul 31, 2025
Tender award	Nov 26, 2025
Commencement of work	Dec 1, 2025
Due completion date	Jun 30, 2026

The project is grant funded by National Treasury through the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS). Its implementation is in addressing the directives issued by DWS and court orders about sewage contamination occurring near Ekapa Mine.

Therefore, the project as awarded was not a deviation of Supply Chain processes. As evidenced above, it was awarded in line with the municipal Supply Chain regulations at an amount of R10 094 965.65 and budgeted at R14.5 million.

The municipality, guided by key legislation – The Constitution (Section 217) mandates that procurement be fair, equitable, transparent, competitive, and cost-effective.

In addition to the above over-arching legislation that compels the municipality to ensure nationwide reach, the municipality upheld the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework wherein the locality sufficed as an added advantage in the evaluation of the tender.

Therefore, the specific goal in the evaluation criteria favoured a contractor with offices within the jurisdiction of the Sol Plaatje Municipality. The implementing contractor for this project is from Kimberley's Homestead residential area and bears a track-record accumulated over years in executing varied construction projects within our jurisdiction.

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DIAMONDS AND DORINGS Festival THE LEGACY



Diamonds and Dorings Festival Back at Diamond Oval

Text: Thabo Mothibi

Pictures: Supplied by Imprint Media

The Northern Cape's top-tier musical extravaganza, Diamonds and Dorings Festival "The Legacy" 2026, will once again set Kimberley alight on Easter Sunday, 5 April from 10:00 to 02:00 at the diamond city's Diamond Oval Cricket Grounds in Cassandra.

Revellers will be strutting their stuff to live soul music, to refined orchestral sounds, and stomping feet to hip-hop and DJs sing-alongs. A telling mix of musical genres will hit a six on the oval.

The headline acts are synonymous with South Africa's musical aficionados. The major stage performer and perpetually popular afro-soul-jazz artist, Mandisi Dyantyi, declared via his Facebook page to his legions of faithful fans on Sunday 15 March that he will be mesmerising them at Diamonds and Dorings Festival. Many from across the country declared "we will be there" in response to his post.

Other prominent award-winning artists with a captivating stage presence in the line-up includes Sjava, The Soil and Ami Faku. The young at heart will be twisting to the Amapiano infused smash hits of MaWhoo. She has captured a following with her own chat-topping tracks beyond her collaborations with the likes of DJ Maphorisa, Master KG and Kabza De Small.

Being proudly South African also goes with being proudly local. Local can never get as *lekker* as in witnessing with deep appreciation homebrewed talent sharing the stage with artists of national repute in a balanced timeslot.



It will be the stuff of dreams. The sensational KG Smallz will have his legacy project in full display in featuring not only the Northern Cape Youth Orchestra. Added to the equation is an interplay of harmonious melody, KG Smallz will also share centre stage with the Northern Cape Youth Choir.



Ready yourselves for a spellbinding musical testament over the Easter weekend and proclaim to the promised land the talents of Mawethu Music, Ole On The Mic, DJ Mason, Real Darkness, Monate Live from Upington, DJ Disco from Kuruman, Spanky, Mellisa Joemat, Deeplymore SA and others.





Call for Traders

Join us at the Diamonds and Dorings Music Festival 2026 and showcase your products to thousands of festivalgoers!!!

- Venue: LED Office
- Date: 16-31 March 2026
- Time: 08:00am - 16:00pm

We are inviting food vendors, arts & crafts traders, and general goods sellers to apply for a spot at this exciting event.

Space is limited, so don't miss this opportunity!!!

Submission Location: LED Unit Office
 Contact Person: Mr. Olegang Mogoje
 053 830 6496 / 6779

Closing Date: 31 MARCH 2026
 16:00pm Afternoon

APPLICATION FORMS TO BE COLLECTED AT THE
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Secure your spot now – first come, first served!

For more details, visit the Information Centre or contact us today!

Note: Event will take place on Sunday 05 April 2026. At the Cricket Oval Stadium.





The Northern Cape's Flagship Diamonds and Dorings Festival Set To Make Waves

Text: Thabo Mothibi

Pictures: Supplied by Imprint Media

Last year's instalment, hosted at Kimberley's Diamond Oval Cricket Stadium, thrilled festivalgoers beyond their expectations. This year, it is back at the Oval, and the organisers, Exilite Holdings, have yet again promised an unimaginable setting at the venue.

For some it will be all about the music. Equally, there will also be much in store for the foodie, shopper, and networker to write home about from this signature lifestyle event that celebrates culture, creativity, and people.

The glitz and glamour logistics are in motion, and the planning is afoot for a real family affair that will engrave Diamonds and Dorings as South Africa's go-to live music and lifestyle Easter weekend calendar event.

"Today's launch marks the beginning of an exciting journey as we introduce and promote the full festival programme, including the various build-up events that will take place in the lead up to the main festival.

"The Diamonds and Dorings Festival forms part of the municipality's broader commitment to promoting tourism, arts and culture, and local economic development within the city of Kimberley and the greater Northern Cape," enthused Exilite Holdings spokesperson Shantelle Engelbrecht in a statement released at the launch of Friday, 13 March 2026.

She added that the tickling of the fancy will be a real laughing matter with a formidable lineup of comedians that will shoot from all cylinders in a comedy show.



"This year, we are proud to expand the festival programme with the addition of the Diamonds and Dorings Comedy Show, featuring acclaimed headliners Joey Rasdien and Celeste Ntuli, supported by Shanray Van Wyk, Tsitsi Chiumya, and Kimberley's own Raasbek Nosi.

"The comedy show will be on Thursday, 2 April 2026 at the NC Theatre. This exciting addition introduces a new entertainment dimension to the festival and allows us to attract an even broader and more diverse audience," said an exuberant Ms. Engelbrecht.

Agreeably, a benchmark was set, and the attendee numbers are expected to exceed the 10 000 that made it past the gates of the Oval last year.

Themed, "The Legacy," in celebrating 20 years since the first edition of Diamonds and Dorings, this year's edition is diamondiferous at the epicentre of the Sol Plaatje Municipality's flagship events.





Chief Whip Martin White

"Our Emergency Services, partners in the Safety and Security Cluster, will once again step it up in ensuring an incident free event."

"The economic spin-offs bear a value chain to it, emboldening an event ecosystem. An array of local businesses will once again benefit from the hosting.

"As custodians of the event, our Local Economic Development Unit has extended a call to local traders, inviting them to apply in order to showcase their goods and services.

"I assert that the greenshoots are aplenty. We are set for a boom in hospitality, and the SMMEs will rake it in too," enthused the council's Chief Whip Councillor Martin White, speaking post the media launch he officiated at.



"Our Emergency Services, partners in the Safety and Security Cluster, will once again step it up in ensuring an incident free event.

"This event is a family affair, an enabler of social cohesion and cultural diversity. It is a legacy builder that allows local artists to showcase their talents in an environment that recognises their importance by providing a platform for growth," asserted Councillor White.

The MCs for the festival are Kimberlites, the sought-after arts and culture export Bisi Bangiwe Ka Jobela and Radio Teemaneng Stereo's incredibly energetic and dynamic Kelly Olyn.

Tickets are available at Computicket, Checkers, or Shoprite.

Speaker's Reflections: Tabling of the Adjustments Budget



Saturday, 28 February 2026, provided us with an opportunity to ultimately table the all-important Adjustments Budget at a Special Council Meeting.

(1) In terms of Section 23 (1) of the Municipal Budget and Reporting Regulations Government Gazette No.32141 17 April 2009; “An adjustments Budget may be tabled in Council at any time after the Mid-year Budget and Performance Assessment have been tabled in Council, but not later than 28 February of the current Financial Year.”

(2) Section 28 of the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA) empowers the Council to approve the major adjustments to the current budget.

The critical service delivery considerations and internal pressures aligned with the Adjustments Budget were punctuated by:

(1) Allocations made towards the following priorities; sink toilet construction in various wards worth R1.7 million, R6 million for gravel roads upgrades in various wards, Roodepan Cemetery upgrade worth R1.7 million, Lerato Park sewer upgrade worth R8.6 million.

Other service delivery deliverables propelled by its adoption also included amongst others; the Lerato Park electrification, Homevale Waste Water Treatment Plant maintenance, broad sanitation, and electrification maintenance, which includes streetlights.

Further, the Adjustments Budget also had to provide for the absorption of 125 contract workers into permanent employment. This, as we remain committed to our longheld stance of transitioning a total of 497 contract workers into permanent employment.



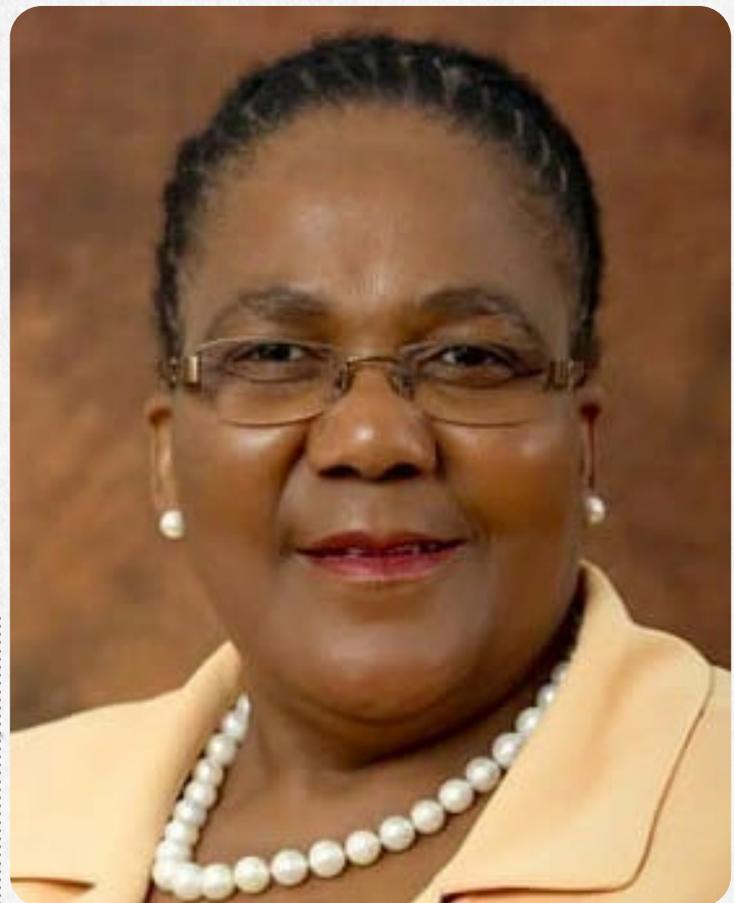
We are also under obligation to allocate funds for EPWP workers in the adjusted budget. Ours is now to put shoulder to the wheel and implement in our endeavour to improve service delivery and promote sustainable employment.

Council also adopted;

The Upper Limits Gazette, No. 54179 dated 20 February 2026 as the Determination of Upper Limits of Salaries, Allowances and Benefits of Different Members of the Municipal Council with effect from 1 July 2025. It will be done in concurrence from the MEC for Coghsta prior to implementation.

Council approved the extension of the Special Debt Relief Programme effective from the 01 March 2026 until 31 March 2026, and it noted

The classification of Sol Plaatje Municipality as a Grade 5 Municipality as per Gazette No. 54179 dated 20 February 2026.



The Electoral Commission of South Africa advert announces a voter registration weekend on 20–21 June 2026 for the upcoming 2026/27 local government elections in South Africa, encouraging citizens to register or update their details in order to participate in the electoral process



Sol Plaatje Executive Mayor Cllr Martha Barlett unleashes voyage of school shoes donation for learners in need.

With absolute enthusiasm, Sol Plaatje Municipality's Executive Mayor Cllr Martha Bartlett unleashed on behalf of the municipality a school shoes donation drive for learners in need.

The school shoes, soles for the young souls voyage, started at Roodepan High School and ended at the municipality's adopted school, Homevale High School.

"We will extend this initiative to schools in Galeshewe, Ritchie, Riverton, and elsewhere.

"We are very grateful for the support from our sponsor MacroComm in sharing in our vision of propelling human development through education and ensuring learners in needs are not discouraged from attending school."

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In pictures at Homevale High School



Public Notice On Debt Relief

The Sol Plaatje Municipality has announced the extension of its Special Debt Relief Programme as part of its continued efforts to support residents in settling outstanding municipal accounts.

Following Council Resolution C04/02/26, the programme will run from 01 March 2026 until 31 March 2026, providing an opportunity for account holders with municipal debt older than 90 days to regularise their accounts.

During this period, qualifying residents will be able to benefit from a 50% discount on the total outstanding municipal account when opting for a full and final settlement. This initiative aims to assist households and businesses experiencing financial difficulties while encouraging responsible payment practices.

The municipality urges all affected residents to take advantage of this time-limited opportunity to reduce their debt, restore their accounts to good standing, and contribute to the sustainability of municipal services that benefit the entire community.



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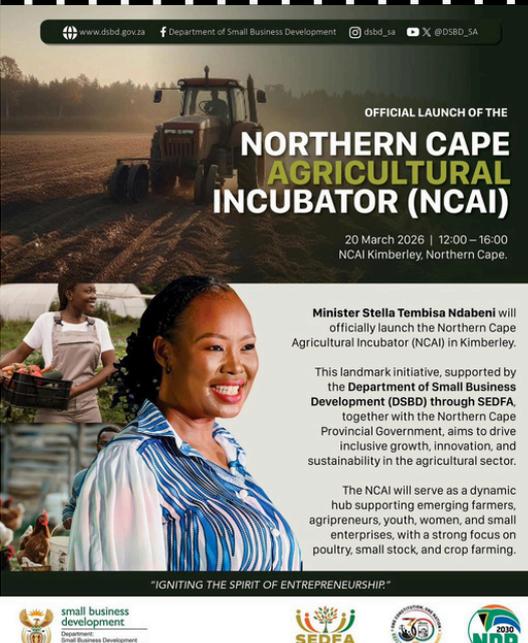
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DEBT RELIEF PROGRAMME EXTENDED

RESOLUTION NUMBER: C04/02/26
COUNCIL HAS APPROVED THE EXTENSION OF THE SPECIAL DEBT RELIEF PROGRAMME EFFECTIVE FROM THE 01 MARCH 2026 UNTIL 31 MARCH 2026.

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20 March 2026 | 12:00 – 16:00
 NCAI Kimberley, Northern Cape.

Minister Stella Tembisa Ndabeni will officially launch the Northern Cape Agricultural Incubator (NCAI) in Kimberley.

This landmark initiative, supported by the Department of Small Business Development (DSBD) through SEDFA, together with the Northern Cape Provincial Government, aims to drive inclusive growth, innovation, and sustainability in the agricultural sector.

The NCAI will serve as a dynamic hub supporting emerging farmers, agripreneurs, youth, women, and small enterprises, with a strong focus on poultry, small stock, and crop farming.

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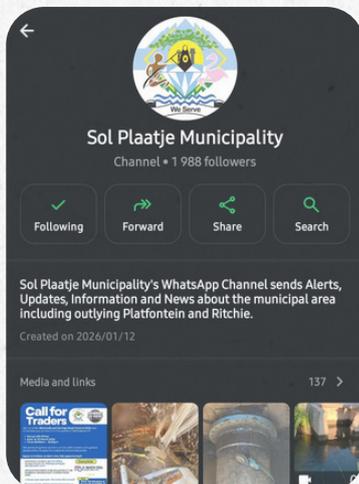
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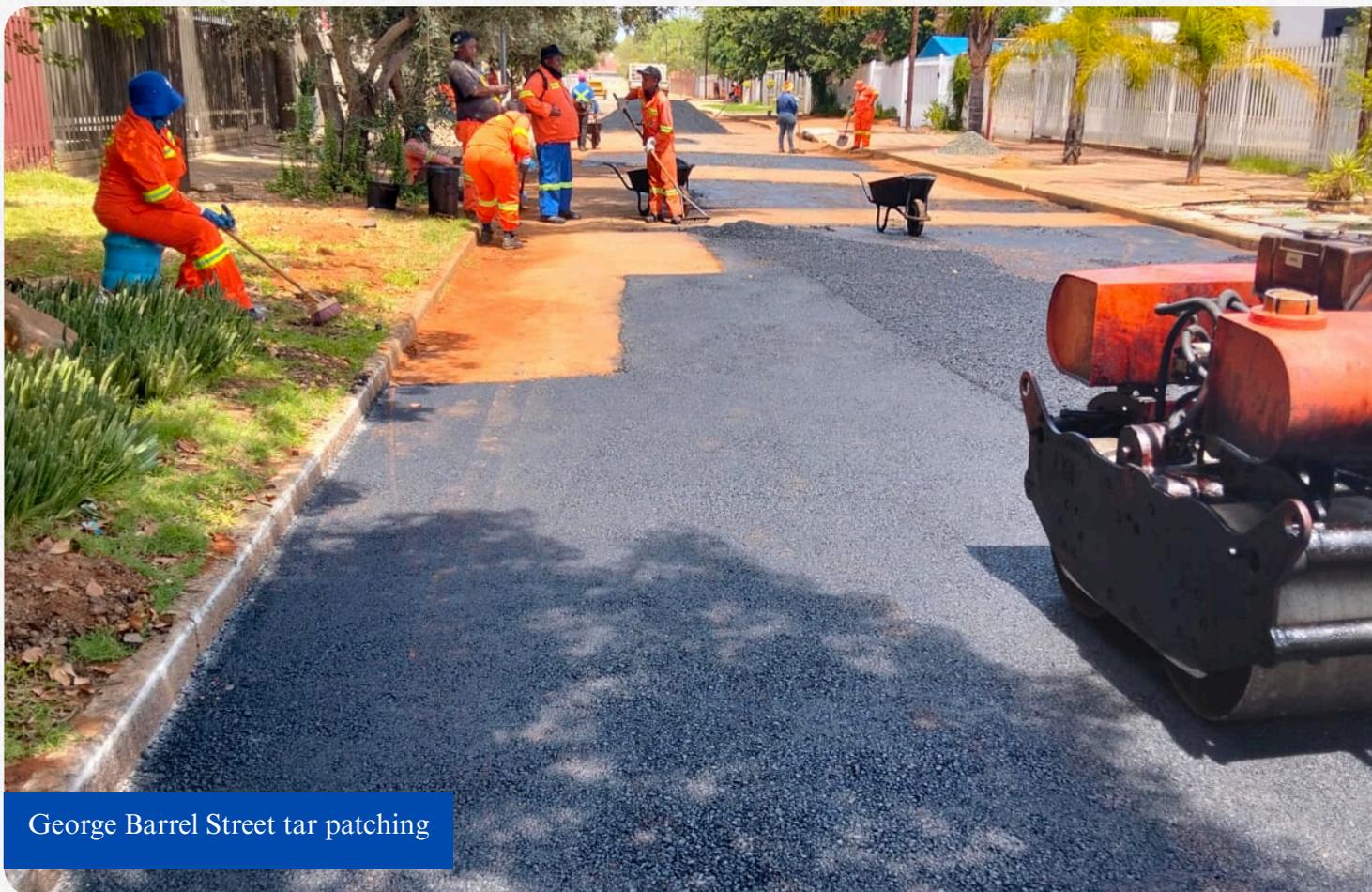
Also, we'll be populating the Channel with other information, which includes office closures, road closures, traffic alerts, emergency alerts, and all public safety notices.

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Road Maintenance and Pothole Repairs in February



George Barrel Street tar patching

In Focus: The municipality's Roads and Stormwater section is steaming ahead with the excavation and patching of roads in several Kimberley areas.

Rubble clearing of major routes, including Phakamile Mabija Road was also undertaken. Road infrastructure maintenance unfolded in parts of Etoro Park, Roodepan, Kimberley CBD, Galeshewe and in other areas



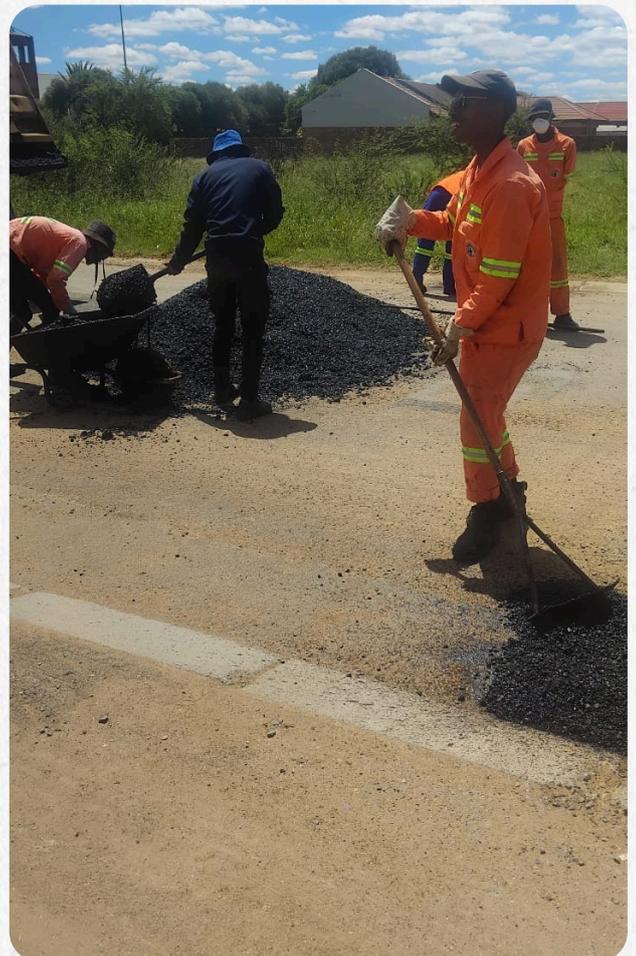
Starling Street tar patching



John Schoeman Street, Etoro Park

Road Maintenance and Pothole Repairs in February

The pothole repair initiative is focused on improving road safety, reducing damages to vehicles, and ensuring smoother travel for residents, commuters, and businesses operating within the area. The municipality remains committed to responding to community concerns regarding deteriorating road conditions.



Road Maintenance and Pothole Repairs in February



Dedicated road maintenance teams are currently conducting pothole patching and surface repairs on several streets in Roodepan and nearby areas. These efforts form part of the municipality's broader maintenance programme aimed at restoring road quality and extending the lifespan of existing infrastructure.

Work will continue in Roodepan and surrounding areas as teams move through different streets to address identified problem spots.

The municipality encourages residents to remain patient and cooperative when these essential road maintenance activities are carried out.



BFI Active in Emergency Leak Repairs on Bulk Water Supply Network



Past the summer season heatwaves and with two setbacks suffered that led to a switch-off of the pumps at Riverton Water Treatment Plants and at Newton Reservoirs in February 2026. Both were electrical supply related, Eskom and of the municipality. They ignited Nightly Water Supply Interruptions aimed at replenishing reservoirs levels at Newton.

To date, the anticipated above 13-foot levels have not prevailed even though production at Riverton got a boost with extra clarifiers active.

The exponential volumes of water losses had to be down the bulk pipeline. Two major leaks were discovered, and repair work was actioned for the Sunday of 8 March 2026. The emergency repair operation was concluded with aplomb and within schedule.

“We pulled in the best welders and a multidisciplinary team with the best expertise. Around midday, we had already covered ground with the leak at Midstation repaired and finished at Droogfontein at 21:00. Appreciatively, the commitment had paid off, the taps were flowing Monday morning as expected,” emphasised the municipality’s Executive Director of Infrastructure and Services Mr. Walter Jood.

Bigen Africa’s Project Leader Mr. Rickus Rossouw coordinated the pre-planning and the Sunday mission. The scope involved repairing of cracked weld inside the chamber at Midstation near Roodepan and welding on the cracked scour tee-off branch at Droogfontein near Riverton.





The emergency operation was funded through the municipality's Budget Facility for Infrastructure (BFI), a seven year grant worth R2.5 billion.

The water supply interruptions have in the main been residential area-based and relating to burst old asbestos pipes succumbing to water pressure. Major repairs on the bulk pipeline were last conducted in a five-day operation of 29 May to 3 June 2025.



Rhodes Avenue Leak Pipe Debacle Ends With Installation of New Pipes and Connection to Water Supply Network



BFI Gains In Watertight Pipe Connection Display

The contractor working on the Budget Facility for Infrastructure (BFI) water improvement programme connected the newly installed pipes in Rhodes Avenue, Rhodesdene, to the water supply network.

It was all in a day's work and with some love and care on Saturday, 14 February 2026, when the municipality through the BFI programme ended the pesistent two-year asbestos pipe leak in Rhodes Avenue.

For the task to be carried out, water supply was interrupted in parts of Galeshewe - Soul City, Club 2000, Madiba Park, Tlhageng, and Tswelopele Correctional Centre.

Areas that were affected in the Kimberley suburbia were Rhodes Avenue and the entire Verwoerdpark residential area.

The municipality thanked residents for their cooperation in the repair and refurbishment of the bulk water supply infrastructure.



Speaker Cllr Dipuo Peters on Service Delivery Site-Visits



03 March 2026: Speaker Councillor Dipuo Peters led the service delivery charge in Club 2000, Ward-31, flanked by Ward-31 Councillor Serame Lephoi. She was briefed on the source of sewage spillages, evidenced by the sewer pump sump.

The affected streets through which the sewage flowed were Tebogo Kock, Thami Eland, Joe Selai, Tebogo Balepile, Edward Moeng, and Gabriel Moremedi. Sanitation teams were deployed.

Some of the residents pledged their support for and participation in an *Awareness Campaign* seeking to enlighten residents on the perils of flushing down and discarding foreign objects into sewerage manholes. From households, the non-flushable items included, amongst others; hairpiece (braidings) and sanitary towels.

On other service delivery matters, the cleaning of stormwater channel and repairing of leaking pipe in Absolom Crescent, Speaker implored officials to instantly attend to these, including the fixing of high-mast light. The Speaker was also briefed on the paving of two roads in Club 2000.

She extended her site-visits to Ward-17 on 06 March 2026, supported by Councillor Nomazizi Shwababa and municipal officials. They gave attention to the plight of community members affected by flooding amid heavy rains that caused an overflow of the retention dam in the Club 2000 area.



The visit aimed to assess the damage and engage with affected residents as the municipality works towards addressing the situation and providing the necessary support. The municipal teams continue to monitor the area and have taken measures where possible to reverse the impact of the damages.



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Back To Basics(B2B) Readings of conventional electricity meters

The municipality is on a drive to improve core revenue processes, systems, data quality and overall service delivery machinery. Part of this renewal entails looking at 4th industrial revolution solutions to:

- Enhance customers experience
- Create interactive platforms
- Be responsive to customers' needs through IT platforms

As part of continuous business improvement initiatives, the municipality has introduced the following as part of its value proposition towards data quality:

- An email address for submission of owner reader submission; readings@solplaatje.org.za
- A portal on municipal website for submission of owner reader readings
- A platform on website for updating customer data

We urge customers to make use of these platforms to assist in ensuring accurate verifiable customer data and readings. This option for owners to submit their own reading including photos of the meters is subject to municipal officials gaining access every 3rd month for verification.

The Municipality have not been able to obtain a reading for electricity consumption for almost 1000 customers for more than six (6) months.

Please ensure that you either allow access to your property or provide Sol Plaatje Municipality with a reading for the remainder of the financial year ending 30 June 2026, failing which;

ALL ELECTRICITY METERS BELONGING TO THE MUNICIPALITY MUST BE READ...

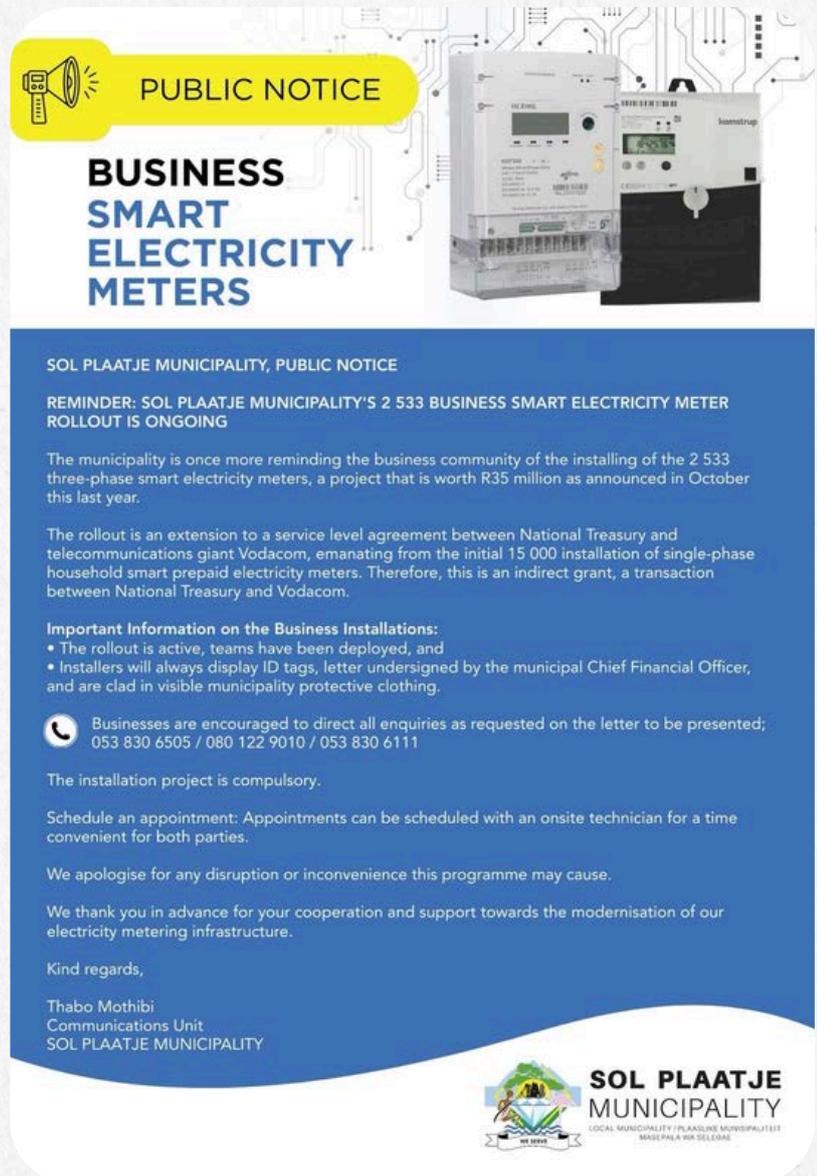
Smart Electricity Meter Rollout for Local Businesses

The Sol Plaatje Municipality continues the rollout of 2,533 business smart electricity meters to modernise its electricity infrastructure and improve service delivery to the local business community.

This R35 million project will see the installation of three-phase smart meters at business premises, enabling more accurate electricity monitoring, billing efficiency, and improved energy management.

Businesses are encouraged to cooperate with installation teams and schedule appointments. The installation is compulsory and supports the municipality's efforts to build a more efficient and reliable electricity metering system.

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BUSINESS SMART ELECTRICITY METERS

SOL PLAATJE MUNICIPALITY, PUBLIC NOTICE

REMINDER: SOL PLAATJE MUNICIPALITY'S 2 533 BUSINESS SMART ELECTRICITY METER ROLLOUT IS ONGOING

The municipality is once more reminding the business community of the installing of the 2 533 three-phase smart electricity meters, a project that is worth R35 million as announced in October this last year.

The rollout is an extension to a service level agreement between National Treasury and telecommunications giant Vodacom, emanating from the initial 15 000 installation of single-phase household smart prepaid electricity meters. Therefore, this is an indirect grant, a transaction between National Treasury and Vodacom.

Important Information on the Business Installations:

- The rollout is active, teams have been deployed, and
- Installers will always display ID tags, letter undersigned by the municipal Chief Financial Officer, and are clad in visible municipality protective clothing.

 Businesses are encouraged to direct all enquiries as requested on the letter to be presented; 053 830 6505 / 080 122 9010 / 053 830 6111

The installation project is compulsory.

Schedule an appointment: Appointments can be scheduled with an onsite technician for a time convenient for both parties.

We apologise for any disruption or inconvenience this programme may cause.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and support towards the modernisation of our electricity metering infrastructure.

Kind regards,

Thabo Mothibi
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2026 Human Rights Month: THE CONSTITUTION - BILL OF RIGHTS

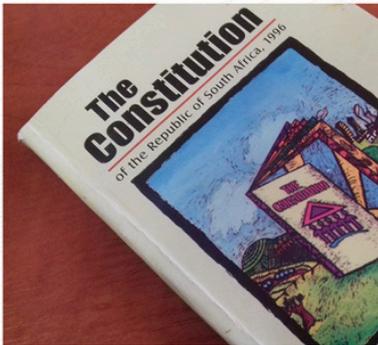


HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH 2026

THE BILL OF RIGHTS AT 30 – MAKING HUMAN DIGNITY REAL

DID YOU KNOW? What is the Bill of Rights is?

- The Bill of Rights is Chapter 2 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996. It:
 - Protects fundamental human rights
 - Applies to all people in South Africa
 - Guides courts, government, & society
 - Promotes democratic values, human dignity, equality & freedom



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South Africa will commemorate Human Rights Month in March under the theme: “Bill of Rights at 30: Making Human Dignity Real.” South Africa’s Human Rights Month is rooted in the tragic events of the Sharpeville massacre on 21 March 1960, where the apartheid regime killed 69 peaceful protestors, exposing the state's grave human rights violations.

At the time, systemic inequalities were entrenched through oppressive laws such as the pass laws and the Group Areas Act. The collective struggle, courageous actions, and sacrifices of leaders like former President Nelson Mandela and Robert Sobukwe, alongside other countless activists, paved the way for a constitutional democracy built on justice, equality, and human dignity.

During this month, we honour the struggle stalwarts whose courage and sacrifices secured our freedom. This year’s Human Rights Month coincides with the commemoration of 30 years of the adoption of The Constitution. The celebration of The Constitution’s 30th anniversary happens as the same time with the seventh democratic local government elections which will be held later this year, a testament to the resilience and maturity of our democracy.



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