

## Speaking to the people! Foreword by the Executive Mayor

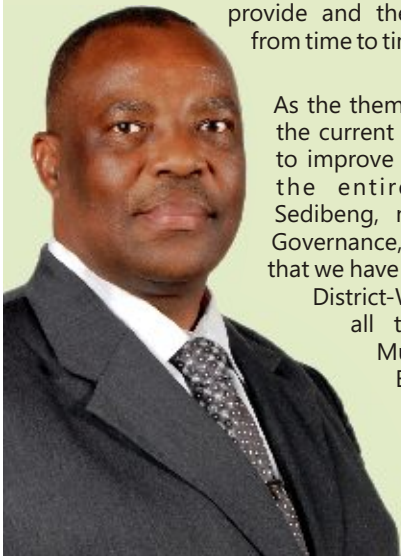
As I had previously indicated during the Inaugural Address, a need has arisen that as the Sedibeng District Municipality, we need to be communicating more effectively and efficiently with our communities here in Sedibeng.

The current media of communicating has opened up various vistas for doing this. With the advent of Face Book and Twitter to mention a few and the fact that our constituencies, namely you the voting citizens of Sedibeng have warmed up to these new ways of doing things.

It is with that in mind that my Inaugural Address was informed. At the Inauguration Ceremony, I committed the Sedibeng District Municipality to launch a newsletter. Through this newsletter it was intended that we will be able to communicate the activities, achievements and progress made by your Municipality.

This foreword therefore, is a clear indication of the successful execution of the commitment I made on that day. I take this opportunity to invite you to take the time out to read this offering at your leisure and pleasure.

In doing so, I hope that you will find the time to send us your thoughts and engage the Sedibeng District Municipality so that we may be afforded the opportunity to find out what you think of the services we provide and the progress which will from time to time be presented.



As the theme I have presented for the current political term of office to improve delivery of services to the entire communities of Sedibeng, namely: Consolidating Governance, I am proud to inform that we have come out of successful District-Wide Lekgotla in which all the constituent Local Municipalities of Lesedi, Emfuleni and Midvaal have committed themselves to this ideal.

I look forward to their signing of the Lekgotla Declaration which will then find its way into this Newsletter soon, probably in the next edition.

For those of you who may not have had the opportunity to attend the State of the District Address and the Inauguration Ceremony, we have included the speeches for those events. These will serve to bring everybody up to speed with the various reports we may from time to time present in this Newsletter.

Part of this edition will also be dedicated to a collage of photographs of all Councilors who were elected by you. This will assist in identifying your public representatives.

I also call on you to take pride in our Nelson Mandela Day activities as captured in this edition. As the champion of Archive Management in the country, I invite you to pat yourselves on the back for the good work which is done by your Municipality.

We continue to manage your finances and the funds entrusted to us in a manner so pleasing that you will find good reading once again on our series of Clean Audits which forms part of this Newsletter.

We look forward to great interaction with you as our principals through this Newsletter, from this first edition to many more to come.

In conclusion, I wish to pay tribute to members of staff who have passed away during this season. Their contributions to making Sedibeng a great place to be and Sedibeng District Municipality the envy to others will be sorely missed. May their souls rest in peace.

As we strive to Consolidate Governance here in Sedibeng, we look forward to your support for the efforts and decisions taken by various instruments of the Municipality to improve the lives of all citizens of our Region.

Highest regards and great reading;  
**Mahole Simon Mofokeng,**  
Executive Mayor - Sedibeng District Municipality

## Communication is the key to good governance

We are excited to announce the launch of one of our many tools of communications and engagement. For some time now, we at Sedibeng have been wishing for a moment like this one, a moment to find a way to communicate with our communities on matters close to our hearts.

Government programmes and services will continually feature in this newsletter. As we all know, local government as one of the three spheres of government is the closest government level which all of us use as a first point of call for any service delivery matter, irrespective of whether the matter at hand is the competency of the local municipality or not.

This therefore makes the local government have an inherent responsibility to communicate important information to its residents in a timely and consistent

manner. Publishing the Sedibeng Newsletter will enable us to establish and improve public awareness and will be an excellent tool for communicating vital information from all Sedibeng & other Government Departments, including police and fire, tax and finance, government job adverts and related opportunities, and parks and recreation information.

Most importantly, this is an attempt to improve our provision to the people of Sedibeng of up-to-date information with regard to: programmes and activities of the Executive Mayor of the Sedibeng District Municipality, Members of Mayoral Committee and service delivery related matters of the District Municipality, amongst others.

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## Singing from the same hymn book

Parys, 08.03.2012

### IDP Alignment Lekgotla

The Sedibeng District and its three local Municipalities, namely; Emfuleni, Midvaal and Lesedi embarked on an intensive 2 day program to work on the alignment of the 5-year IDP's and Budgets of each Municipality. By the end of March 2012, all Councils adopted the next 5 Year IDP's, which were subjected to public scrutiny during the month of April 2012.



*Delegates from Sedibeng District, and Emfuleni, Midvaal and Lesedi Local Municipalities at work during the IDP Alignment Lekgotla.*

Following this public participation process, each of the four Municipalities adopted the final IDP and Budget at the end of May 2012. Included in the two-day retreat, was an overview of the key aspects of the review of Growth and Development Strategy which was first adopted in 2007.

The revised Growth and Development Strategy (GDS-02) formed the long-term development plan for the IDP's and Budgets which were adopted. The retreat which included Executive Mayors, Speakers, Chief-Whips and all MMC's of the four Municipalities as well as senior officials also looked at the financial projections for 2012-2016, the flagship projects to be implemented for this period, as well as the Spatial Development Framework which will be followed. Communities were then urged to keep a look out for public notices in wards as well as notices of stakeholder and sectorial consultations that were subsequently held during April 2012 on the IDP's and Budgets.

## Key SDM Documents

*Important document to look for*

The following documents can be found on the Sedibeng District Municipality Website at [www.sedibeng.gov.za/keydocs.html](http://www.sedibeng.gov.za/keydocs.html)



## Gauteng MEC Ismail Vadi announces R200 million upgrade for Old Vereeniging Road (R82)

Walkerville, 13.03.2012

Gauteng MEC for Roads and Transport, Mr. Ismail Vadi, together with the Executive Mayors of Sedibeng District and Emfuleni Local Municipalities as well as their respective MMCs of Roads, Transport & Infrastructure, launched a R200 million road reconstructions and upgrading project on the R82. The project is aimed at the doubling of Old Vereeniging Road between Eikenhof and Walkerville and will be constructed in phases.

Vadi said that this project has been prioritised for development by the Gauteng Department of Roads and Transport as it had been delayed previously due to budgetary constraints.

"This is an extremely old road with high traffic volumes. It is in a state of disrepair and is unsafe for motorists," said Vadi.

"I am pleased that it will be upgraded to a dual carriageway to allow for better and safer mobility between Johannesburg and Sedibeng," he added.

In Phase 1 between Eikenhof and Walkerville, 4.5km of the existing single roadway will be rebuilt into a dual carriageway. In the second phase, the total length between Walkerville and De Deur will be upgraded and re-surfaced. The project is scheduled to be completed by July 2013.

The Department of Roads and Transport emphasised that this project is meant to provide an alternative link between Johannesburg and Sedibeng. It will also allow for greater accessibility to housing developments along its corridors such as the proposed Gauteng Highlands Development.

"We are extremely pleased with this type of development. This road has been on the waiting list for reconstruction for

many years and we are very happy that the MEC has done something about it. The people of Sedibeng will be please to know that the traffic frustrations on R82 will be lessened", said the Executive Mayor of the Sedibeng District Municipality, Cllr. MS Mofokeng.

The communities en route will benefit through employment opportunities, training opportunities and contract opportunities for the local SMMEs. The project will create 100 job opportunities and preference will be given to sub-contractors empowering women, youth and people with disabilities.



*The Gauteng MEC for Roads and Transport: Mr. Ismail Vadi seen here with the Executive Mayor of Sedibeng District Municipality: Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng and the Executive Mayor of Emfuleni Local Municipality: Cllr. Greta Hlongwane.*

The Executive Mayor of the Sedibeng District Municipality, Cllr. MS Mofokeng concluded by mentioning that the reconstruction of the R82 road was in line with the Sedibeng District Municipality's service delivery priority areas, aiming to reintegrate our region.

## Report back on the State of the District Address 2012

*Holding Government accountable*

Vereeniging, 23.05.2012

The Executive Mayor of the Sedibeng District Municipality, Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng presented the Sedibeng District's 2012 State of the District address to a packed Civic Theatre on Wednesday 23 May 2012. The Sedibeng Council had hours earlier adopted the 2012/2016 IDP and Budget as well as the Second Generation Growth and Development Strategy of GDS-02. The Council session had a welcome interruption when coach Augusto Palacios and the Orlando Pirates Team visited the Council Chambers with the treble trophies.

- Creation of a LOGISTICS HUB.
- Completion of the REGIONAL SEWER SCHEME.
- A comprehensive RURAL DEVELOPMENT Programme.
- An ALTERNATIVE ENERGY Programme
- An INTEGRATED TRANSPORT model for Sedibeng
- On-going HERITAGE PROMOTION programmes
- Establishment of a SINGLE REGIONAL AUTHORITY such as a Metro system of governance.
- Promoting the VAAL 21 initiative.



*The Executive Mayor delivering the State of the District Address 2012*

The Executive Mayor in an inspiring address, televised live to 5 satellite venues across the District (Heidelberg City Hall, Salvation Church in Sicelo, Evaton Community Centre, Sharpeville Hall and Mphatlalatsane Theatre in Sebokeng), announced the 10 flagship projects of GDS-02 that are to underpin and stimulate the economy for growth and job creation.

These 10 projects are:

- The establishment of SEDIBENG DEVELOPMENT AGENCY.



*A main venue at the Vereeniging Civic Theatre was packed to capacity during the SODA*

During his SODA address the Executive Mayor also paid tribute to; the late Reverend Motlalepula Chabaku who had passed away a few weeks earlier for her lifelong, selfless dedication to the Sedibeng Region; to the learners from Pinedene Primary School in Vanderbijlpark who had excelled in the Lego Robotics Championships in the USA and; to the first Chairperson of ANC Vaal Sub-Region after its unbanning, Commander Tsietsie Mokhele, who was named 'Top Public Sector Executive for 2012'

*To read the Mayor's full speech visit [www.sedibeng.gov.za](http://www.sedibeng.gov.za)*



# The inaugural Sedibeng Mayoral Awards

Vereeniging, 23.05.2012

In a glittering event that followed the State of the District Address, the inaugural Mayor's Awards were launched at the Vereeniging Civic Theatre. The event was graced by a host of dignitaries from the world of sport, politics and the clergy. The programme was directed by popular Khaya FM personality Mr. Bob Mabena and local artist Upbeat provided music.



The Executive Mayor handed awards to winners from various categories and sub-categories.

In a rousing performance that brought the audience to its feet, South African singing sensation Zahara delivered a stunning musical performance that will long be remembered. In presenting the Mayoral Wards, the Executive Mayor, Cllr. Mahole Mofokeng urged the Rules Committee to refine the Awards policy and to promote public education about the Awards in the build-up to the 2013 Awards. The full list of recipients of awards on the evening were as follows:

In **CATEGORY ONE - THE SIGNING OF THE HONOURS BOOK**, in the Sub-Category 'Outstanding Achievement by People with Disability', **Ms Shirley De Bruijn** was the

recipient. In **CATEGORY TWO, THE MAYORS MEDAL (COUNCIL AWARD)** the following recipients were honoured in the respective sub-categories:

SUB-CATEGORY	RECIPIENT/S
Community Affairs	Sebokeng Community Patrollers: Jabulani Dlomo Zondiwe Hoza Motseki Maoba Tsietsi Nhlapo Samuel Mgcina
Cultural Affairs	Ms Ntsoaki Lydia Motetesi
Youth Affairs	Mr SR Ntombela
Recreation & Sport	Ms Duduzile Masane Mr Driel Star Hlongwane Jet Nteo Secondary School Mr Vusi Goodman Mthethwa Mr Geelbooi Masango
Conservation	Mr Solomon Sekhaolelo Mr Mauritz Meyer
Economic Affairs	Mr Wayne Pienaar
Extra-Ordinary Bravery	M Mahlaha JT Mokoena LP Mashianoke LD Mathe TR Phashe KO Mokoena

In **CATEGORY THREE - THE MAYORS CIVIC PRIDE AWARD**, Mr Fanie De Jongh was the first recipient of the Award.

In the final category for the evening, **CATEGORY FOUR -**

**THE MAYORS MEDAL (MAYORS CHOICE AWARD)** the recipients were: Father Israel Xwelane, Father Patrick Noonan, and posthumously, Reverend Motlalepule Chabaku and Mr George Thabe.

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The Executive Mayor handed awards to winners from various categories and sub-categories.



Lerato Moloi from the Face of Africa contest and model for Elizabeth Arden, the Executive Mayor and Zahara

## Anglo-Boer War remembered

Vereeniging, 31.05.2012

The commemoration of the 110th Anniversary of the Anglo-Boer War was initiated by the Executive Mayor of Sedibeng, Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng, who has mentioned that in the wide appreciation of the history of the Vaal Region, many significant historical events have not been given sufficient recognition for their impact and historical value in relation to the course of history of our country. To mark the occasion, the Sedibeng District Municipality, after extensive consultation with a 'Round Table' of Various stakeholders launched the inaugural commemorative event at the Vereeniging Constitutional Square on 31 May 2012.



Some of the guests who attended the 110th Anniversary of the signing of the Peace Treaty of Vereeniging

A variety of cultural performances started off the occasion. Performers included; Tswelopele Cultural Dance, Umbango wa Sizwe, Basadi ba Mokgibo, Intsizwa Zama Pacwa, Maibuye'isakhile Youth Development, Zethane Puppets and the Kaapse Klopse. The audiences were then ushered into the Vereeniging Civic Theatre where a highly informative panel discussion ensued.

Executive Mayor Mofokeng spoke on the historical context of the Anglo-Boer War, while Mr Christo Rabie presented an account on the involvement of the African people in the War. Mr Sarel Feldtman then made a visual presentation on the War and the historical events that unfolded around Vereeniging. Mr Don Lindsey rendered a moving epic poem that gave a tongue-in-cheek account of British soldiers returning to London after the War.

The days activities were brought to a close with a vote of thanks by the Executive Mayor of Midvaal, Mayor Timothy Nast who thanked all those who went to great trouble to wear period costumes of the day to recreate the time and feel of the event.

The Sedibeng District Municipality, which has a programme of commemorative events as one of its GDS Flagship Projects, aims to mark the 31 May every year with a variety of themes surrounding the impact, and lessons learnt, from the Anglo-Boer War.



A large crowd gathered at the Civic Theatre to listen to presentations by experts on the Anglo-Boer War.

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The Sedibeng District Municipality calls on any interested parties or individuals to submit article for possible inclusion in the next Sedi News edition. All contributors will be acknowledged. Sedi News is a news bulletin of the Sedibeng District Municipality which reports its activities to stakeholders and also to encourage debates and discussions within our communities. The Editorial Collective reserves the right to edit contributions and letters. The views expressed in the bulletin do not necessarily reflect those of the Municipality.

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## Bontle ke Botho boosts Sedibeng Schools and Wards

Vereeniging, 01.06.2012

The Sedibeng District Municipality and Gauteng Department of Agriculture & Rural Development on Friday the 01st of June 2012 gave the unemployed youth and schools recognition and hope for a wonderful job they are doing with regard to the Environmental issues here in our Sedibeng Region.

The Bontle ke Botho programme, famously known as BkB is targeting previously neglected areas. The programme also aims to create a sense of civic ownership over open spaces by cutting down on littering, illegal dumping, vagrancy and vandalism including greening campaigns done in school yards.

MMC for Environment and Clean Air from Sedibeng District Municipality, Cllr. Yusuf Mohammed gave the background of the programme indicating that since 2002 when the programme was launched, Bontle ke Botho Gauteng's Clean and Green Campaign is an Environmental Education Project and Strategy through which the Gauteng Provincial Government seeks to respond to the requirements of the plan agreed to by countries at the World Summit on Sustainable Development as the possible way to implement Agenda 21, a blue print for sustainable development.

### And the objectives of this yearly programme are:

- **Participation:** Mobilisation of communities and stakeholders from all relevant sectors to participate in the protection and improvement of environment;
- **Awareness:** Creation of awareness around and deepen the understanding of environmental issues and their implications for communities, positive and negative respectively, as a result of these issues being addressed or not being addressed;
- **Sustainable living practices:** Promotion and fostering of sustainable living practices by encouraging communities to embark on sustainable environment projects with a strong focus on poverty alleviation.
- **Partnerships:** Establishment of mutually beneficial strategic partnership to ensure collaborative management of the campaign in wards and schools.

Present at this year's BkB Awards ceremony were the MMC for Waste Management: Cllr. V Godoli from Emfuleni Local Municipality and MMC for Environment: Cllr. T Tsoku from the Lesedi Local Municipality

### The criteria for the Bontle ke Botho campaign are:

- The Best Performing Old and New School Category takes into account the school's raising of awareness and

practical efforts at improving the environment;

- The Best Performing Old and New Ward Category recognises the efforts made to management of the environment and raised public awareness. It also looks at initiatives made to improving the environment;

### Results of the Bontle ke Botho (BkB) 2011/2012 Clean and Green Campaign awards in Sedibeng District Municipality:

#### Winners in the New Schools Category

1st Prize	R35,000	Eureka Lsen School
2nd Prize	R30,000	Meyerton High
3rd Prize	R25,000	Parksig Primary School
4th Prize	R20,000	Mazizakhe Primary School
5th Prize	R15,000	Seliba Primary School

#### Winners in the Old Schools Category

1st Prize	R30,000	General Smuts High
2nd Prize	R25,000	Destinata Lsen School
3rd Prize	R20,000	Qhoweng Primary School
4th Prize	R15,000	Thabo Vuyo Lsen School
5th Prize	R10,000	Letsema-Elima Primary School

#### Winners in the New Wards Category

1st Prize	R50,000	Ward 41 Emfuleni LM
2nd Prize	R45,000	Ward 28 Emfuleni LM
3rd Prize	R40,000	Ward 36 Emfuleni LM
4th Prize	R35,000	Ward 30 Emfuleni LM

#### Winners in the Old Wards Category

1st Prize	R30,000	Ward 40 Emfuleni LM
2nd Prize	R25,000	Ward 6 Lesedi LM
3rd Prize	R20,000	Ward 13 Lesedi LM
4th Prize	R15,000	Ward 33 Emfuleni LM



Winners of the 1st Prize in the Old Schools Category

## Sedibeng Youth Parliament

Vereeniging, 08.06.2012

On the 8 June 2012, in Vereeniging the youth of Sedibeng from different organisational structures met to discuss, and debate youth related issues and elect the Sedibeng Youth Political Management Team comprising of the Youth Executive Mayor, Youth Council Speaker and Youth Council Chief Whip.



Sedibeng Youth Parliament in action at the Mayor's Parlour in Vereeniging

This is one of the many ways that Sedibeng District Municipality together with its local municipalities are trying to ensure that the youth sector in the region participate in the affairs of the councils and municipalities regarding issues affecting their lives.

The youth parliament included representatives from the Sedibeng District Municipality, Emfuleni Local Municipality and members of Legislature. The purpose of the Youth Parliament was to report to the District Youth Council on the challenges, opportunities, progress areas identified since April 1994 which are facing young people and to make submission to the Gauteng Youth Parliament and subsequently to the National Youth Parliament.

Delegates to this important gathering broke into various commissions to discuss and deliberate on matters such as, issues affecting the youth in the Sedibeng Region. They elected three members to occupy the three above mentioned portfolios. Prior to the commissions Mr Kubheka from the Legislature made a brief input on what Parliament is and how it functions.

### Topics for discussion were:

- Youth and Education;
- Youth and Drug abuse; and
- Youth and the Environment and related aspects

### The following young people were elected Youth Council Political Office Bearers:

- Youth Executive Mayor: Ntswaki Maloka
- Youth Speaker: Baba Kubheka
- Youth Chief Whip: Lerato Funeka



Left to right: Elected Youth Speaker: Baba Kubheka; Executive Mayor: Ntswaki Maloka and MMC for Environment and Clean Air: Cllr. Yusuf Mahommed

## Sedibeng District Council's Junior Mayor arrives back from China

Vereeniging, 21.07.2012

The Sedibeng District Municipality during its visit to China with the Gauteng Office of the Premier received an invitation by the Shanghai People's Association to recommend pupils and educators who would participate in the 8th Shanghai Youth Friendship Interactive Camp which was to be held from the 18 to 29 July 2012.

It was through consultations with various stakeholders in the Gauteng Province that two pupils and an educator were selected to represent the Province in this important exchange programme.

The selected pupils and an educator left for Shanghai on the 21 July 2012 and they returned on the 30 July 2012. Their journey was funded by both the Sedibeng District Municipality & the Gauteng Office of the Premier.

The Sedibeng District Council Junior Mayor: Mr. Bandile Sabelo, a 17 years old who resides in Arconpark, Vereeniging and currently in Grade 11 at the Riverside High School in Three Rivers was identified as a possible candidate for this Youth Exchange Programme.

The Executive Mayor of the Sedibeng District Municipality: Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng and the Council Speaker: Cllr. Busisiwe Modisakeng had a debriefing meeting with the three selected learners on the 20 July 2012 to bid them farewell and finalise logistical arrangements.

"I hope and trust that they will represent us well in Shanghai and will bring along the good experiences to impart among their peers here at home. On behalf of the people of Sedibeng and the Sedibeng District Municipality, I wish you all the best", said the Executive Mayor.

Present at this meeting were the learners: Mr. Bandile Sabelo, Ms Promise Tondani Ndou and Ms Kgauhelo Judith Khoza who is an educator.

The ultimate aim of the Camp was to further promote the exchange and friendship among people of different countries. It is further aimed at providing an opportunity for young people to set up bridges of friendship and an exchange platform beyond language and cultural barriers to introduce and develop a spirit of cooperation amongst them.



Bandile Sabelo and Promise Tondani Ndou



## 20th anniversary of the Boipatong Massacre

Boipatong, 17.06.2012

Sedibeng commemorates the 20th & 36th Anniversaries of the Boipatong Massacre and June 16 respectively.

The Sedibeng District Municipality on 17 June 2012, commemorated the 20th Anniversary of the Boipatong Massacre. The people of Sedibeng and South Africa remember this day on which many innocent people were left maimed and killed and houses and shacks destroyed.

The commemoration was observed through various events and activities in partnership with the Khulumani Support Group, Bana ba Modimo and other formations representing the families of the victims and the people of Boipatong in particular.



*The Executive Mayor of Sedibeng: Cllr. MS Mofokeng (rear centre), Cllr. G Hlogwane the Executive Mayor of Emfuleni Local Municipality (on his right) and Cllr. LF Maloka the Executive Mayor of Lesedi Local Municipality (on his left) seen here with Mita Molete (front centre) a wheelchair ridden victim of the Boipatong Massacre*

The 20th Anniversary of the Boipatong Massacre coincided with the year in which the ruling party, the African National

Congress celebrates its hundredth year of its existence.

On the day, the Sedibeng District Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr. MS Mofokeng delivered a report to the people of Sedibeng and those of Boipatong in particular regarding the progress made on service delivery programmes in the area which included the Boipatong Monument whose construction is underway.

"It is during a period like this that we take a moment, bow our heads and extend our special messages of support and hope to all the people of Sedibeng and South Africa who suffered gross human rights violations during apartheid oppression. We observe these days in remembrance of these patriots and thousands of others who fell inside the country and beyond its borders, in pursuit of the freedom and human rights for all", said the Executive Mayor of the Sedibeng District Municipality, Cllr. MS Mofokeng.

The Sedibeng District Municipality invited members of the public to join the Executive Mayor, Councillors and the families of the heroes and heroines, victims and survivors in the commemoration of this massacre which shook the world and nearly brought the CODESA negotiations to an end.

The commemoration this year was held on Sunday, 17 June 2012, at 08:00 at the Boipatong Stadium and it will begin with the wreath laying ceremony at the Vuka Cemetery in Sharpeville, taking place under the theme: **"Towards a Vaal Metropolitan River City for a seamless service delivery in the Vaal Region"**

This programme came a day after the nation commemorated and observed another important day, the 36th Anniversary of June 16th, 1976. In Sedibeng, this day is remembered through various youth programmes intended to afford the Council a platform to interact with all young people in the Region on matters affecting them.

The 20th Anniversary of the Boipatong Massacre this year was commemorated through various activities throughout June month, such as:

- **Youth Parliament** on Friday, 8th June 2012 at the Sedibeng District Council Chambers, Vereeniging;
- **Boipatong Family Day** on the 16th June 2012 at CW4 in Vanderbijlpark;
- **Wreath laying** at Vuka Cemetery, 17th June 2012
- **Tour of the Boipatong Memorial Precinct** (Under Construction);
- **Commemorative Rally** at the Boipatong Stadium on the 17th June 2012.



*Dignitaries and relatives of the victims lay wreaths on the graves of those who lost their lives in the Boipatong Massacre*

## Sedibeng did more than 67 minutes

Sedibeng, 20.07.2012

The Executive Mayor of Sedibeng District Municipality: Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng and his Members of the Mayoral Committee advanced the cause of improving peoples live this past Mandela Day. The Mayor and his entourage made several stops on the day as they visited those selected to get assistance on Nelson Mandela International Day 2012.

The Mayors team comprised of the Council Speaker, The Chief Whip, MMC's, other councillors, SALGA representatives, sponsors and community leaders. The team visited:

- Bethesda Center Waterdal - Home for the abandoned HIV positive babies and mentally challenged;
- Masoheng Old Age Home;
- Lehae la Maqheku in Sebokeng Zone 10;
- Bambanani Disabled Centre in Ratanda;
- Children's Centre in Sebokeng Zone 12 and
- Child Headed family in Sicelo.

Last year the Executive Mayor visited a child headed family of 7 kids who lost their mother and he said "I am deeply touched by this family's circumstances. It is my wish that next year when we come back to this family, we must have done our best to ensure that they have been provided with proper shelter, further I commit the Municipality to looking into the possibility of rebuilding the shack and assisting the family to benefit from governments social development services as an interim relief measure".

A dream came to reality for Leburu's family when, this year, the Executive Mayor not only handed them a new home in Thsepiso Extension 4 but furnished it as well with the generous support of sponsors.

At another venue, MMC for Sport, Recreation, Arts, culture and Heritage: Cllr. Zaza Raikane and MMC for Strategic Planning and Economic Development: Cllr. Maipato Tsokolibane as well as the CFO from Sedibeng District Municipality Mr. Brendon Scholtz delivered blankets to Vukuzenzele Old Age Home in Zone 14, Sebokeng.

At a Business Networking Session later that day the Executive Mayor said: "We do not want to wait until the next Nelson Mandela International Day to provide much needed relief to our communities. I am also reminded of the continued call by members of our communities in commemorations of various historical events. Their call and plea is simple and needs our collective effort that: Kindly provide assistance to the children of all our late heroes and heroines, who *gave their lives for this freedom we so much enjoy*"



*The Executive Mayor, Mahole Simon Mofokeng and the MMC for Housing, Assistance Mshudulu personally deliver the furniture to the Leburu families new home.*

"I have no doubt that we can if we put our minds to it, develop a sustainable system which can provide for the children of our heroes and heroines as opposed to hand-outs or just another commemoration", added the Executive Mayor.

"Soon we will be commemorating other historical events that mark the heroic deeds of our communities. Would it be too much to ask our partners in business to commit to a project in the community to mark these days? Can we do it in such a manner which will make a difference in the lives of those who were painfully and personally affected by these historical events? It is with this in mind that I call on all of us

to find a creative way to use our time to do what is right. In the spirit of the Nelson Mandela Day, let us do more with what we have", concluded the Executive Mayor.

The Executive Mayor: Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng on behalf of the people of Sedibeng, thanked all the companies, partners who heeded a call to assist the less privileged in our communities. He congratulated them for their contributions and the good work they did.

The Sedibeng District Municipality thanks the following partners who ensured that the Nelson Mandela International Day became a success and made an impact in the lives of the identified beneficiaries:

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| • Nissan             | • Makro                       |
| • Nation's Choice    | • Rev. Wami Nhlapo            |



*The Executive Mayor and his entourage delivered much needed blankets to the Children's Centre in Zone 12 Sebokeng.*



## Sedibeng hosts Youth Summit

Vanderbijlpark, 07.08.2012

The Sedibeng District Municipality together with its locals Municipalities in partnership and the Office of the Gauteng Premier hosted a two day Youth Summit which was aimed at exposing young people to opportunities and government programmes with a view of improving their lives.

This is an annual programme hosted by the Sedibeng District Municipality that attracts young people from all walks of life. During this programme, the Executive Mayor of the Sedibeng District Municipality reports back to young people on the progress made in implementing programmes that are geared towards addressing their needs.

The event was hosted at a Guest Lodge in Vanderbijlpark on the 7 and 8 August and this year's programme saw the Premier of Gauteng, Ms Nomvula Mokonyane engaging the young people on the contents and objectives of Gauteng's long term strategic vision known as the Gauteng Vision 2055. This programme will be used to take young people in confidence and on board on the Sedibeng District Municipality's vision towards the Vaal Metropolitan River City.



*Gauteng Premier Nomvula Mokonyane talking to the youth.*

"This Summit is one of the very most important gatherings we ever had in our Region. During this summit, we took stock of the critical developments taking place in our country and the Region together with the young people. We presented to them progress made so far in an attempt to better the lives of the less privileged in our Region", said the Executive Mayor of the Sedibeng District Municipality: Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng.

In addition to exposure of youth development issues in our 2nd Generation Growth Development Strategy and Integrated Development Plan for the financial year 2012 / 2013, the Summit further discussed the following concepts and topical issues:

- Towards a Metropolitan Municipality / City;
- Gauteng Vision 55;
- Sedibeng Youth Development Strategy;
- Review of the Sedibeng Youth Development Policy; and
- The Summit then elected the Sedibeng Youth Council.

This programme is ultimately aligned and supports the Sedibeng District Council's Key Priority Area (KPA), namely: "Facilitate access to relevant information and promote knowledge"

This year's Programme was held under the theme: **"The Youth of Sedibeng meets to discuss the future of their Region and Province - Towards A Metro & Gauteng 2055 Strategy"**



*Some of the delegates that attend the summit.*

## Women's Month 2012

Sedibeng, 30.08.2012

The historical significance of 9 August, National Women's Day that has led to an annual commemoration programme which is celebrated in South Africa as a public holiday, started in 1956 when over 20 000 women from different walks of life marched to the Union Buildings. The day celebrates women who led the march to protest against the inclusion of women in the pass laws apartheid systems which was intended to control the movements of Blacks. This was coordinated by the Federation of South African Women (FEDSAW).

The Sedibeng District Council Speaker's Office being the custodian of the programme, is mandated to lead and coordinate Women's Month activities on behalf of the Municipality.

"This year was an important one to us in Sedibeng in that we marked the first decade of celebration of the Women's Month Programme in the second centenary of the history of the Liberation Movement. We further remembered and honoured Mme Christina Nku through a memorial lecture. She was a missionary and the founder of the St John's Apostolic Faith Mission School of Small Farms, Evaton and the St John's Apostolic Faith Mission Church of Southern Africa", said the Sedibeng Council Speaker: Cllr. Busi Modisakeng



*The Speaker of the Sedibeng District Municipality at one of the many successful events in this years Women's Month programme*

The Memorial Lecture in her honour was held at the St John's Apostolic Faith Mission Church with attendance of over 1500 women from Sedibeng.

This year the Programme focused on areas such as the distribution of vegetables to child headed households, Health Talk and Women Abuse Awareness through a Women's Seminar, Women Interdenominational Prayer Day, A Day for the Elderly, Women in Leadership Symposium through a multiparty caucus targeting women Councillors and female municipal officials.

The theme for this year's programme was: **"Addressing unemployment, poverty and inequality: together contributing towards the progressive future for women"**. The campaign slogan was **"Forward to the Decade on African Women"**.

The commemoration of the National Women's Day took place in Tshwane, Union Building on the 9 August 2012.

"As government always says, there is only one society, and every person and institution must "Play a Part" in joining forces to eradicate gender inequality. We urge all South Africans and communities to partner with government and actively fight all forms of violence against women and children", added the Sedibeng Council Speaker.

This programme is a continued attempt by the Sedibeng District Municipality to participate in the international, regional and sub-regional protocols which South Africa has ratified and in taking all necessary steps to protect women from discrimination and abuse in all spheres of life.

With these programmes, the Sedibeng District Municipality acknowledges the significant progress made in empowering women in the political, social, economic and educational sectors and further recognise the marginalisation of poor women from participating in the economy which severely compromises progress.

## Prophet Mme Mokotuli Christina Nku

Evaton, 16.08.2012

On the 16 August 2012, the Sedibeng District Municipality honoured Prophet Mme Mokotuli Christina Nku during the celebration of 10th Anniversary of Women's Month in the Region. MMC responsible for Local Economic Development: Cllr. Maipato Tsokolibane spoke from the heart when she said: "Our history, both here in South Africa and on the entire continent, is characterised by powerful, wise and courageous women who have left an indelible mark on the nature and form of the society we live in and Mme Mokotuli Christina Nku is one of them".



*The late Mme Mokotuli Christina Nku*

"The history of Africa, speaks of an African matriarchal family, where women were the economic backbone of the continent in which the values of peace, justice and social well-being was promoted. In many communities and kingdoms, women spearheaded development and led their countries with great vision and Mme Manku fitted this profile perfectly as it will become clearer in my input today. Women have played a pivotal role in sustaining communities and kingdoms, in nurturing nations and national economies and must play a role in the economic recovery of Africa", she continued.

"Mme Manku stood very strong on family values, education and moral fortitude, the very essence of wise and courageous women. I have no doubt that all the women gathered here today will take up her teachings and her life story to lead the march into the next decade of women development.

The people of Sedibeng stand in respect of her visionary spirit, thousands of learners throughout the history of Evaton, have gone through the doors of Mosioa Primary School and Leema Mokotuli Primary Schools.

Mokotoli is named after Mme Cristina Manku. This is part of our heritage, of our history which we should be proud of, a history which should inspire us and generations to come, a history which should assure us that we indeed have capacity to overcome the present obstacles to the restoration of Africa as a great, prosperous continent".



*The church service at the Memorial Lecture was filled with inspirational singing.*

"I call on all women here present, to tell the inspirational story of Mme Manku to the coming generation. Let her story be told over and over again. Let it continue to inspire many girls and young women to lead this great continent and South Africa to greater heights. Let Sedibeng prosper and lead the way once again in the battle for the empowerment of women", added Cllr. Tsokolibane.



# Sedibeng under CCTV Street Surveillance System

Sedibeng, 07.08.2012

Sedibeng District Municipality is proud to announce that the CCTV project in the Sedibeng region is nearing completion and is already operational. This system is not only focused on crime prevention and traffic offences. It has an Information Connectivity Technology features such as Wi-Fi connectivity. This means that community members living near these cameras will in future be able to access the internet using this Wi-Fi technology.

A local company, Illungu Investment, was given an opportunity to serve under the main contractor during the rollout of this project in the Region as part of a skills transfer initiative. During this period approximately 50 local people across the Region were employed.

Incidents related to traffic violations also form a key part of the objectives of the project. Many traffic fines have already been issued through the use of the CCTV Camera System. The South African Police Services have also confirmed a positive impact made by CCTV Camera System, especially in the Vereeniging area.

“Given the reports we received from the SAPS, there has been a significant decline in the crime statistics since the installation of the Security Cameras in affected areas. This is encouraging and it is a sign of a breakthrough in our fight against crime”, said the Executive Mayor of the Sedibeng District Municipality: Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng.

The CCTV Surveillance Camera Centre operates on a 24 hour basis. The Centre is manned by members of the SAPS and Emfuleni Traffic Services. All information recorded by the system is water-marked and cannot be tampered with. Therefore, it is admissible in a court of law as evidence.

The Centre operates within stringent security measures and access thereto is strictly controlled and limited only to qualified and authorised members.

The Sedibeng District Municipality embarked on this project with the view that safety and security are key elements of an improved quality of life among the people. The sense of safety and security should extend beyond members of a household into the neighbourhood and surroundings of the wider community where people live, work and engage in extramural activity. Therefore, the partnership between the police and communities is very crucial in building truly safe and secure communities.

The installation of the CCTV Cameras in the Region augments and strengthens our continued community mobilisation and partnerships against crime. It is our continued commitment to ensure that the people of Sedibeng's ability to enjoy a decent life is not undermined in any way.



CCTV Camera at a busy intersection on Seiso Street in Sharpeville

The under-mentioned information refers to both completed and under-way installation, including the number of cameras allocated per area.

- **Vanderbijlpark CBD** - 24 (completed)
- **Bedworthpark** - 5 (underway)
- **Sebokeng** - 6 (completed)
- **Evaton** - 6 (completed)
- **Sharpeville** - 4 (completed)
- **Meyerton** - 6 (completed)
- **Vereeniging** - 8 (underway) (15 old cameras functional)
- **Ratanda** - 10 (underway)

Working together we can defeat criminals who are holding our freedom and democracy to ransom.

# Mechanisation programme in Sedibeng

Sedibeng, 15.09.2012

Sedibeng District is part of the Maize Triangle Programme which was launched by the Gauteng Provincial Government. The programme is intended to revive and preserve the traditional maize producing regions of Gauteng and other crops which are staple foods for the country.

Agriculture, being one of the sectors that need to play a role in improving the economy and the well being of the people of this country, is expected to be a contributing factor.

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has transferred tractors to each Provincial Department of Agriculture for projects that support the Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (GDARD) sector mission.

Provinces are also urged to identify projects to partner with municipalities to ensure streamline management capacity of mechanisation support. This will help to ensure that the programme benefits from the support of all tiers of government.

Agricultural Mechanisation is a government programme that supports farmers with agricultural related mechanised equipment such as tractors, tractor drawn rippers, ploughs, etc.

- The programme aims to create jobs and stimulate rural development and food security.
- To ensure that farmers have access to contemporary

agriculture mechanisation.

- To increase the net worth of the agriculture sector and improve its contribution to the Gauteng GDP.

Sedibeng District Municipality has received the following support from mechanisation support programme;

- 9 Tractors (3 X 42Kw, 4 X 65Kw, 2 X 90Kw)
- 2 Trailers (6 Ton)
- 38 Implements (various)

The tractors were delivered recently to start assisting emerging farmers and communities in the agricultural sector. The tractors will be utilised in all the three local municipalities.



(left to right) The Speaker: Cllr. Busisiwe Modisakeng; The Executive Mayor: Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng and the Chief Whip: Cllr. Christina Sale of the Sedibeng District Municipality seen here on some of the donated tractors.

# Community Works Programme (CWP) in Sedibeng

Sedibeng, 15.09.2012

The Community Work Programme (CWP) is an initiative designed to provide an employment safety net, by providing participants with a predictable number of days of work per month, thus supplementing their existing livelihood strategies and affording them a basic level of income security through work.

The programme is targeted at unemployed and or underemployed people of working age, including those whose livelihood activities are insufficient to lift them out of poverty. It is implemented at the local government level at a 'site' (which generally comprises a 'community') and is designed to employ a minimum of 1,000 people per site for two days a week, eight days a month.

The Sedibeng CWP launch, which took place on the 22 June 2012 at Saul Tsotetsi Sports Complex in Sebokeng was done with the first roll out implemented at Emfuleni Local Municipality. The programme is expected to run for the next three years at least and is likely to be supported for funding for at least 6 000 beneficiaries in Sedibeng.

Sedibeng District and its Local Municipalities were all present at the launch and various MMC's from the district and locals as well as Councilors' also graced the occasion. National Departments such as COGTA and the Provincial DID and other relevant stakeholders also attended the launch.

The rollout plan for the other two municipalities in Sedibeng, i.e. Midvaal and Lesedi started on the first week of September 2012 .Each of the municipalities will be allocated 1000 participants per site by the end of the

financial year. COGTA have promised additional sites for the next financial year if everything runs according to script. Communities welcomed the CWP projects and there is a high level of commitment in the project.

Procedures for site inception will vary with the specific realities of each site, its physical location, local institutional capacities and dynamics, the level of community cohesion and organisation, etc. and with the management arrangements and approaches of each implementing agent.

Upon approval and appointment of a new site, the DCoG will liaise with the relevant Municipality in order to enlist their support and cooperation, beginning with the site inception phase.



The CWP is also a great opportunity for unemployed youth who are actively looking for employment opportunities. The programme will give you that much needed extra cash to make you effective in your search for full-time or part-time employment.

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Community Safety & SRAC & H	016 450 3380		
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# Celebrating Human Rights for all, commemorating the 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Sharpeville Massacre....lest we forget

Sharpeville, 01.03.2012

Sedibeng District Municipality was pleased to once again communicate with you during the month of March, that has since been declared the Human Rights Month. This is the month in which we celebrate the 21st March as Human Rights Day, a public holiday in South Africa.

This public holiday came about as a result of what happened in Sharpeville on the 21st March 1960. As we commemorate the massacre which took place on this day, 52 years ago, we have thought it important to paint the life changing developments in Sharpeville in pictures. This is in the spirit and understanding that pictures tell a story and with these ones, we are telling a real story, one by the people for the people.



## Sharpeville Memorial Site

The long standing memorial site underwent some renovations.  
Started 30.05.2010 - Completed 30.07.2011

Working together with you we have achieved more in improving the image and the lives of the people of Sharpeville and believe that more still needs to be done. These pictures represent achievements as we have earlier committed the ANC led Sedibeng District Municipality in making Sharpeville an attractive tourist destination.

We commemorate the 52nd Anniversary of the Sharpeville Massacre during the year in which the ruling party, the African National Congress celebrates its centenary. 100 years of a selfless struggle to liberate South Africa and the continent, from colonial rule, oppression of man by man, making it a historic moment for all the people of South Africa.



## Memorial Site in Sharpeville's Phelindaba Cemetery.

Started 15.04.2010 - Completed 04.03.2011

Working together with you in our quest to renew our communities, and objectives informed by our elections manifesto commitments and our Municipal IDP, we have so far managed to build the Sharpeville Hall; Exhibition Centre; Constitution Walk; a memorial site at the Phelindaba Cemetery and many others as demonstrated through the pictures. We have installed four CCTV Cameras in Sharpeville to ensure safety & security for our people and that of our visitors and tourists visiting Sharpeville.

We continue to honour the country's fallen heroes and heroines who resisted the then apartheid government's unjust pass laws and to highlight the importance of upholding human fundamental values and rights, as underpinned by our Country's Constitution in the new dispensation.

It is during a period like this one that we take a moment and

remember our struggle heroes & heroines in the Region and the Country. We believe that we are where we are today as a Region & as a nation because of their selfless sacrifices. We continue to strive to do better in everything we do for our people as we know that the democracy we enjoy today did not come easy and cheap. But our people paid dearly as our history is now written with their blood.



## Sharpeville Phelindaba Cemetery

Construction completed on several new features and the memorial site.

The Sharpeville Massacre is the second major political event in our region after the Peace Treaty of Vereeniging. Just like the treaty led to the formation of the Union of South Africa and subsequent disenfranchisement of black majority, the Sharpeville Massacre led to the formation of underground movement and militarisation of our struggle.

The Constitution of South Africa has a physical address rooted in the Vaal as it was signed into law on the 10th of December 1996 by former President Nelson Mandela. The signing of the Constitution into law took place at the George Thabe Stadium in Sharpeville. This venue was chosen owing to its historical significance.



## Sharpeville Exhibition Centre

Underwent major renovations.  
Started 30.05.2010 - Completed 30.07.2011

It was as a result of the heroic acts of our communities in Sedibeng and Emfuleni that the first democratic President Nelson Mandela named Sedibeng the Cradle of Human Rights struggles.



## Constitutional Walk

Leading from the Sharpeville Hall to the George Thabe Stadium.

In addition, all these are done in pursuit of our commitment emanating from the 1st Generation Sedibeng Growth & Development Strategy's service delivery objective: Releasing Human Potential, which finds its expression in our IDP and the strategy to promote heritage of our Region.



## Artist impression of the Constitutional Walk

The completion of the proposed statue is dependant on funding. The statue resembles former President Nelson Mandela and Mr. Cyril Ramaphosa during the signing of the constitution.  
Started 30.06.2010 - Completed 20.03.2012

Upcoming developments in Sharpeville, the future looks brighter!

Working together, we will speed up the declaration, preservation and promotion of the Heritage Sites - Phelindaba and Vuka Cemeteries, Sharpeville Exhibition and Memorial Sites, Sharpeville Roman Catholic Church, Kwa-Dlomo Dam.



## Sharpeville Hall

Recaptures it's former glory in the heart of Sharpeville.  
Started 19.07.2010 - Completed 30.11.2011

Subject to securing funding, we plan to upgrade the Sharpeville Sports Precinct, Cricket Pitch, George Thabe Stadium and the adjacent soccer fields. We further plan to convert the Old Sharpeville Police Station into a Regional Craft Hub and upgrade the Vuka Cemetery.



## CCTV Cameras

An extensive network of CCTV cameras have been installed in and around Sharpeville. This is one of the 2010 World Cup legacy projects.



## Signing of the South African Constitution

President Nelson Mandela signed the new constitution of the Republic of South Africa into law at Sharpeville Stadium in December of 1996.



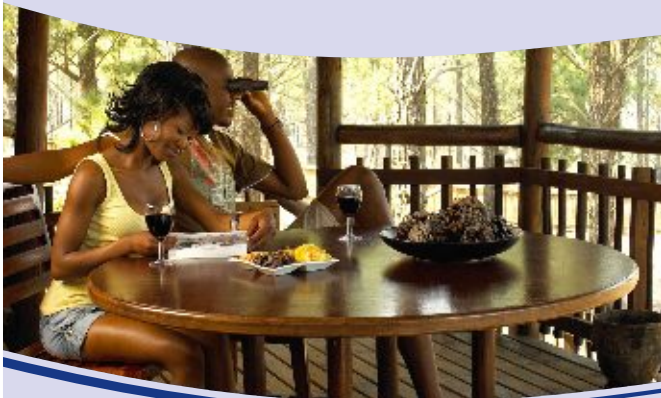
## Calling all Sedibeng Birders!

If you know the difference between a dove and hadeda, like watching the endless number of pigeons gather on roof tops outside your office window as you sip your morning coffee, then you are ready to be initiated to the next level of birding watching.

The Tourism Department is proud to finally unveil the Vaal Birding Route project, a plan that has been almost 5 years in the making. It extends from Devon in the east to the Vredefort Dome in the west and a wide variety of habitats occur along this route.

13 Birding sites along roads, rivers, koppies, grasslands, into the townships and over nature reserves have been identified and are close enough for you not to have step too far outside your office block to become a more learned birder.

One of the special birding sites on the route is Dlomo Dam at Shareville, where hundreds upon hundreds of waterfowl gather. For the novice, interesting birds to see there are the Greater Flamingo or African Sacred Ibis, whilst to the expert, the Black-necked Grebe and Purple Heron are the great birds to see. Thus far, a total of 66 bird species have been identified at Dlomo Dam alone and 360 in the Vaal as a whole.



*The Vaal Birding Route extends from the green hills of Devon in the east to the Vredefort Dome in the west.*

The Executive Mayor of the Sedibeng District Municipality, Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng was proud to formally launch the Vaal Birding Route on Tuesday, 2 October 2012. A partnership with the Sedibeng District Municipality and Gauteng Tourism Authority, the route was developed under the guidance of BirdLife SA, who did a sterling job at identifying the 13 sites within the region that form part of the route, as well as identifying the 360 bird species that call the Vaal home. This is the first government initiated birding route in South Africa.

The Vaal River played out as the venue for the launch, as guests were treated to a special birding experience aboard a luxury cruiser. 6 Smaller vessels later took guests up the Taaiboschspruit tributary, just off the Vaal River, where birding experts assisted guests in spotting some very special species along the river banks.

The Vaal Birding Route extends from Devon in the east to the Vredefort Dome in the west, the route includes the Vaal River as one of the 13 birding sites, as well as sites as diverse as Suikerbosrand near Heidelberg to Dlomo Dam in Sharpeville.

Some tourism establishments have already taken advantage of this initiative by packaging tours along some parts of the Birding Route and it is the Tourism Department expects that the region's avi-tourism market will open up further as residents in the Vaal will start birding as a leisure activity and that expect birders across the country will regularly visit the route.

*The Sedibeng District Municipality wishes to thank Riverside Sun Resort and Stonehaven-on-Vaal for sponsoring the event, as well to Liquid Lounge, Watersports Unlimited and BirdLife SA and its members for assisting with the launch.*

## Sedibeng municipalities emerge from the Joint Mayoral Lekgotla united

Tshwane, 28.09.2011

The local municipalities in Sedibeng and the Sedibeng District Municipality held their scheduled Mayoral District Wide Lekgotla from the 19th to 21st September 2011.

This type of Lekgotla comes once in five (5) years and becomes a platform for a festival of ideas by all Mayoral Committees in the Sedibeng District Municipality with an objective of charting a way forward in the current term of office and converting all ideas into properly aligned programmes.



*Deputy Minister of Cooperative Governance & Traditional Affairs: Mr. Yunus Carrim and the Executive Mayor of Sedibeng, Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng at the Lekgotla*

The Lekgotla considered addresses from the Sedibeng District Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng and the Deputy Minister of Cooperative Governance & Traditional Affairs: Mr. Yunus Carrim. In addition, presentations were done by the Office of the MEC for Local Government & Housing on the Global City Region Concept which was expected to assist the Lekgotla discussions on the Sedibeng Regional Single Authority and on the President / Premier's Hotline by the Office of the Gauteng Premier: Ms Nomvula Mokonyane.

Among the key important areas, the Lekgotla considered the following as its objectives:

- Review progress made towards achievement of the previous District-wide Strategic Plan (Bela-Bela resolutions);
- Develop new strategies and plans to inform the IDP for all our municipalities;
- Obtain input on National and Provincial planning perspectives and the implications on our region;
- Review and develop a high level regional perspective on the municipal demarcation process;
- Craft a new vision for the Sedibeng region that will inform its positioning, planning, set a collective service delivery plan and governance perspective;
- To consider the future of Gauteng Province and its impact on the Sedibeng municipalities;;
- To lay a foundation for the Sedibeng Growth & Development Strategy which must be completed by the end of December 2011 and should inform our four / five Integrated Development Plans; and
- To ensure that our municipalities sing from the same hymn book when it came to service delivery pronouncements and plans

The Lekgotla deliberations were concluded by resolutions meant to ensure holistic and integrated regional development programs that seek to mainstream and enhance participation and empower our people, through a people-centered approach which is responsive and gender inclusive.

The implementation of these resolutions by the various municipalities comprising the Sedibeng District Municipality will improve the quality of services we render.

## Understanding IDP Processes

Sharpeville, 10.12.2011

The Sedibeng District Municipality develops the Integrated Development Plan or IDP Framework in conjunction with its three Local Municipalities (Emfuleni Local Municipality, Midvaal Local Municipality and Lesedi Local Municipality). The Framework for the IDP is developed in a period of five years and can be reviewed annually when the IDP Process Plan is developed. The IDP Process Plan for 2013/2014 was approved by Council on the 29 September 2012.



*Registration at an IDP Public Participation Meeting*

The IDP is divided into five phases or stages:

- **Analysis,**
- **Strategy,**
- **Project,**
- **Integration** and
- **Approval**

The first phase of the IDP is **Analysis**. During this phase, information is collected on the existing conditions within the municipality and is analysed, the information on the current financial year IDP is updated and inequalities are identified to enable the municipality to develop strategies to respond to the various challenges.

External stakeholders are also engaged during this process through the **IDP Public Participation**. This process gives stakeholders the opportunity to represent the interests of

their constituencies, as well as provide a structure for discussion, negotiations and joint decision making.

The next IDP Public Participation programme will be held late October 2012. All stakeholders and interested parties are invited on a regular basis to preparatory meetings or briefings that are convened by the Speakers Office. The completion of the Analysis phase will culminate into the development of **Strategies** as a second phase.

The **Projects** phase involves identifying all the things that must happen in order to achieve the vision and objectives as set out in the strategies.

This is followed by the **Intergration** phase which involves financial planning as well other frameworks and programmes that tie things together based on the master plan as adopted by National Government.

The final **Approval** stage requires that the final IDP Document be approved by the Municipality and submitted to the MEC.



*The public and stakeholder groups can making inputs on the Development plans on their Municipalities.*



## Celebrating 15 years of our Constitution

Sharpeville, 10.12.2011

The 10 December 2011 marked the 15th Anniversary of the signing of the South African Constitution into law - by the then President of South Africa, Mr. Nelson Mandela, in Sharpeville.

The Sedibeng District Municipality successfully observed and celebrated this day through a mayoral community outreach programme linking it with the Christmas mood. The programme saw over a thousand children, men & women receiving Christmas presents and clothing hampers contributed by our partners, Lorsons Vereeniging.

Beneficiaries of the mayoral outreach programme were from informal settlements such as Khayelitsha, and areas such as Tshepong and Sharpeville and who were identified by ward councillors in the wards the programme visited.

The programme in celebration of the 15 years of our internationally acclaimed Constitution saw the District Municipality interacting and hosting a workshop for the people living with disabilities, dialogue with the woman / elderly, 6th South African Literary Awards, dialogue with the youth and the service delivery expo, bringing services close to our people



(left to right) Premier of Gauteng Province: Nomvula Mokonyane; Executive Mayor of Sedibeng: Cllr. MS Mofokeng and Public Protector Thuli Madonsela at the gala dinner celebrating the 15th anniversary of the signing of the constitution of the Republic of South Africa.

"Long before the intense moments of the last few months of the so-called service delivery unrests, through the signing of this glorious Constitution, it was decided that open and accountable government will be reinforced by co-operative governance among all spheres. Sedibeng District Municipality stands as a true champion of this ideal. Through the five years of unqualified audit opinions from the Auditor General, we have used all the funds entrusted

to us in the proper manner, for the purposes for which this money was intended", said the Executive Mayor, Cllr. MS Mofokeng



Premier of Gauteng Province: Nomvula Mokonyane, delivered the keynote address

The celebrations coincided with the official opening of the newly refurbished and reconstructed Sharpeville Hall - which has retained its historical features resembling the Sharpeville Hall of the 1960s. The official opening of the hall was done during the event which was graced and attended by the Premier of Gauteng Province: Ms Nomvula Mokonyane and the Public Protector South Africa: Adv Thuli Madonsela, who both addressed the audience of over 400 participants who among other included formations from civic, business, religious and political parties.

The opening of the hall is significant in the sense that it is in line with our continued commitment to Renewing Our Communities, Releasing Human Potential and building a better for life all.



Public Protector: Thuli Madonsela made a presentation to the audience at the newly opened Sharpeville Hall.

## Sedibeng Executive Mayor delivers a Public Lecture on service delivery at North-West University

NWU Vaal Campus, 12.09.2012

The Executive Mayor of the Sedibeng District Municipality: Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng delivered a Public Lecture on Service Delivery at North West University (Vaal Triangle Campus) as part of a series of public lectures or seminars by the NWU. The public lecture was part of a programme of the School of Basic Sciences in the Faculty of Humanities at North-West University / Vaal Triangle Campus decided to launch a research entity called "Public Affairs for Service Delivery" (PARSED).

In his address, Mayor Mofokeng explored the issues of service delivery dating back to the Roman Empire and the needs for services during the Industrial Revolution in Great Britain. In a captivating presentation, issues of human needs and desire for better services were explored in detail. Statistical analysis of the national, provincial and local overview of basic services showed how significant strides in the provision of basic services have been made.

However, the Mayor emphatically emphasised that the statistics cannot disguise the fact that many residents still did not enjoy the services they deserve and that more needs to be done to accelerate service delivery. In his concluding remarks the Mayor placed the burden of

accelerated delivery firmly on government and civil servants in particular. The Executive Mayor also called for a partnership with academic institutions to emulate the Gauteng Global City Region Observatory, and to generate credible statistics and academic research on all aspects of Sedibeng. This will enrich the local IDP's as well as the Growth and Development Strategy (GDS-02)



(Left to right) The Executive Mayor Cllr. MS Mofokeng; Prof. EP Ababio (Head of Public Administration at NWU, Senior Communications and Marketing at NWU); Prof. J Maloma and Prof. Shikha Vyas.

## Study tour to Buffalo City

Buffalo City, 07.09.2011

The leadership of the Sedibeng District Municipality undertook a Study Tour of Buffalo City from 7-8 September 2011. The purpose of the tour was to look at the development of Buffalo City (East London) which was awarded metro status after the May 2011 elections. The delegation from Sedibeng included Executive Mayors, Speakers, Chief Whips as well as officials and political leaders. The delegation was well received and the tour included an visit by senior officials of Sedibeng to a Senior Management meeting, presentations by the Acting City Manager and an extensive deliberation into the move to metro status by Buffalo City.

A visit to the East London IDZ was also included. The second leg of the study tours will be undertaken shortly as a Sedibeng delegation visits Mangaung (Bloemfontein) who also became a Metro after May 2011. With the future of Gauteng destined to become a province exclusively of metropolitan councils, Sedibeng District is currently examining various aspects of forms of governance to move seamlessly towards the future Gauteng form.



The Executive Mayor of Sedibeng District Municipality, Cllr Mahole S Mofokeng (right) with the CEO of the East London IDZ Mr Simphiwe Kondlo (left) during the visit to the Industrial Development Zone.

## Sedibeng tours the place of the cheetahs

Mangaung Metro, 28.09.2011

A delegation of the Sedibeng District, and its 3 Local Municipalities, completed the second-leg of a Study Tour on metropolitan forms of government when it visited Mangaung Metro in the Free State Province.

The meetings were held in the Braam Fischer Building in Bloemfontein. The tour format replicated the one that was followed during the visit to Buffalo City earlier in the month. The Sedibeng Delegation was warmly received by the Mangaung Executive Mayor, Cllr. Thabo Manyoni, who is also the newly elected national chairperson of SALGA.

In his welcome address, Executive Mayor Manyoni expressed a great affinity for Sedibeng by revealing that he grew up in Evaton and also used to hunt in Henley-on-Klip. The Speaker of the Mangaung Metro Council, Cllr. Connie Rampai, the Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Mxolisi Siyonzana and the Chief Whip, Cllr. Zolile Mancotywa were part of the formal engagements in which the Mangaung Metro presented their experiences in moving towards a Metropolitan Council which happened on the 18th May 2011.

With the future form of the Gauteng province destined to be exclusively made up of Metro's, the Sedibeng District is exploring the best options towards such a possibility.



The Executive Mayor of Mangaung Metro Council, Cllr. Thabo Manyoni, welcomes the Sedibeng District Delegation. Accompanying him at the head-table are the Deputy Executive Mayor of Mangaung, Cllr. Mxolisi Siyonzana (left) and the Sedibeng District Executive Mayor, Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng (centre)



During his inauguration on the 14th June 2011, the Executive Mayor of the Sedibeng District Municipality, Councillor MS Mofokeng announced that the first 12 months of the new term of political office will be characterized by some vital planning initiatives which required public participation and stakeholder engagement.

He was here referring to the preparations and the hosting of our Second Generation Growth and Development Strategy, or GDS-2 as we refer to it. This will be taking the ruling party's elections manifesto commitment to the next level of converting it into achievable programme. The GDS-2, augmented by the ruling party's elections manifesto and other developmental policies & programmes of government such as the Vision 2030 will be a basic document informing our integrated development plans for the next five year.



*The Executive Mayor of Sedibeng: Cllr. Mahole Simon Mofokeng, delivers his address at the Growth and Development Summit.*

"We must do a critical review of how well has our First Generation GDS served us. Several key questions need to be asked to establish the progress made with regard to our GDS-1 which include its strong elements, its weaknesses, its alignment with the seven (7) National Key Priorities, and in particular, with OUTCOME 9 of the nationally prioritized outcomes of government, said the Executive Mayor of the Sedibeng District Municipality, Councillor MS Mofokeng.

The Sedibeng Growth & Development Summit was held on the 30th November and 1st December 2011, at the Emerald Conference Centre, Vanderbijlpark.

The Summit reaffirmed the 7 areas of focus which we refer to as the 5R's plus 2, areas which dominated the discussions in the commissions. The findings from various commissions have given us the following insights on the seven areas of focus:

## Reinventing Our Economy

The commission reaffirms the vision of Shared and inclusive economic growth that includes growing Sedibeng economy by more than 8% per annum and the reduction of unemployment through the mineral and steel sector in pursuit of economic development and the theme of "reinventing the economy by consolidating existing sectors and exploring new sectors of growth"

## Renewing Our Communities

The commission found amongst others the need for changing the nature of housing delivery, making Sedibeng look attractive through greening programmes as well as investing in Precinct Projects & Nodes.

## Reviving Sustainable Environment

The commission resolved on the following for inclusion into the GDS-02, namely identified some important areas flowing from the GDS 1 for our Region which includes partnerships to manage the environment, initiatives to clean air water and land, focus on waste and recycling and the successful conclusion of the Regional Sewer Scheme as well as alternative energy generation amongst others.

## Reintegrating Our Region

The commission noting the important areas from GDS 1, namely, the road and rail corridor development and the need to establish east-west transport links and logistics

support to industry.

The commission resolved that to reintegrate the Region with the rest of Gauteng, south and Southern Africa by improving connectivity and transport links, the following key programs should be the pillars with a view to establish Logistical Hub/IDZ and to build ICT infrastructure as well as the implementation of the BRT as a transport model.

It was further resolved that for the GDS 2 Vision - Countering the apartheid geography and long commuting distances with better quality of houses close to economic opportunities.

## Releasing Human Potential

The Commission found that GDS 1 states the vision of education and skills and further noted that the economy will need the skills to grow and that our people will have the education they need for gainful employment going forward into the envisaged future.

The commission resolved amongst others to improve literacy, numeracy & skills levels and promote life-long learning in partnership with our communities' educational institutions and private sector. This we will do by continuing to build social capital through key socio-economic interventions.

This we will do by bringing together industry, education providers, and government for partnerships to link economic development and skills together for the future and creating a leadership network in the region.

## Good Governance

GDS 1 states the vision of governance excellence: High levels of quality and sustainable service delivery, the pursuit of efficient, accountable, co-operative and financially viable governance, and deepening of participatory democracy, meaningful intergovernmental partnerships and citizenship; promote external government relations; countering the fragmentation towards establishing a single regional authority, and ensuring greater synergy.

The commission resolved that we need establishment of a single regional authority and build an effective professional team of public servants that are guided by a regional HR strategy and a single performance management system as well the development of an integrated regional financial management system, amongst others.

## Vibrant Democracy

These outcomes of this summit will be consolidated to develop the second generation Sedibeng Growth and Development Strategy. This will then be adopted by all the Municipalities here in Sedibeng after scrutiny by our communities. The final product will then form the basis for the four year IDP's here in the District.

Through these processes, we are assured that all your valuable inputs will find expression in everything we do as Municipalities here in Sedibeng.

## High Level Refinement of the Problem Statement for GDS 2

- **Reinvent the economy** from an old to a new by consolidating existing sectors and exploring new sectors of growth, and in this way build local economies to create more employment and sustainable livelihoods
- **Renewing our communities** from low to high quality through the provision of basic services, improving local public services and broadening access to them, and regenerating and property, development to improve the quality of living for
- **Reviving a sustainable environment** from waste dumps to a green region, by increasing the focus on improving air, water, and soil quality and moving from being a producer and receiver of waste to a green city.
- **Reintegrating the region** with the rest of Gauteng,

South and Southern African to move from an edge to a frontier region, through improving connectivity and transport links

- **Releasing human potential** from low to high skills and build social capital through building united, non-racial, integrated and safer communities.
- **Deepening democracy** through enabling all South Africans to progressively exercise their constitutional rights and enjoy the full dignity of freedom. To promote more active community participation in local government, including further strengthening the voice of communities and making sure that community based structures such as ward committees, police forums, school governing bodies are legislatively supported to function effectively
- **Good Governance** through building accountable, effective and clean government, with sound financial management, functional and effective Councils, and strong, visionary leadership. It is about compliance and competence.

## The Stakeholder Summit resolves to incorporate into the GDS 2 the following gaps from GDS 1:

- Township Development
- Urban Renewal
- Rural Development
- Clean Energy
- ICT connectivity
- Human Settlements

"The long walk continues, in the spirit of deepening democracy and in ensuring that communities play a role in shaping their future, the product of the Summit is owned by our communities as our partners and stakeholders. The roadmap ahead as informed by the 5 R's plus 2, is made clearer through your inputs which cast the light when the road was not clear.", said the Executive Mayor of the Sedibeng District Municipality: Councillor MS Mofokeng when closing the Summit.



*Delegates at the Sedibeng Growth and Development Summit*

The Summit was attended by, Executive Mayors, Councillors, various private sector institutions, government officials, business formations, Ward Committees and Political Parties.

The purpose of the Sedibeng GDS Summit was threefold: to reflect on international best practices; to seek advice from local and international experts in rural, township, urban development and lastly, to obtain final input and comments from key community stakeholders, leaders and officials from other spheres of government.

The Summit saw experts and growth & development practitioners presenting papers on the topic of economic growth and development on a variety of issues ranging from the state of the service delivery in our region and the state of our economic development, etc.

***The GDS2 document has since been completed and can be downloaded from the Sedibeng District Municipality website at: [www.sedibeng.gov.za/keydocs.html](http://www.sedibeng.gov.za/keydocs.html)***



# Sedibeng commemorates the 28th Anniversary of the Vaal Uprising

Evaton, 03.09.2012

The people of Sedibeng commemorated the 28th Anniversary of the Vaal Uprising on the 03 September 2012, a celebration of the ground-breaking victories of the communities of Sedibeng in 1984. This day heralded yet another phase of our struggle for the liberation of South Africa, a response by the underground leadership to render the country ungovernable in defiance of apartheid.

We commemorated the gains attained through the efforts of our selfless heroes and heroines who on the Monday of the 3 September 1984 heeded a call to observe a stay-away in protest against the rent increases announced by the then Lekoa Council. Protest marches took place in all the townships in the region of Vaal.

It is during this period that we commemorate the loss of life which gave birth to heroes and heroines. We also celebrated the gallant revolutionary contributions made by the people of Sedibeng in the struggle for human rights.

The September 3 commemoration which is popularly known as the Vaal Uprising was observed through a memorial lecture and a soon to be arranged Heritage summit.

The Memorial lecture was held at the Mafatsane Multi-Purpose Hall in Evaton on the 3 September 2012 at 16h00.

The Heritage Summit will bring together all the organisations representing survivors with deep scars and members of their families of the victims under one roof to develop new ways to observe our historic days..

All these will be happening during the month which has since been declared National Heritage Month which commences on the 1 to 31 September 2012 in South Africa. Our Heritage Month programmes seek to highlight the importance and the political value of our cultural heritage of our diverse communities in our country and the Region.

It is with the above assertions that the Sedibeng District Municipality, invited the people of Sedibeng to the memorial lecture in commemoration of this historic anniversary. This year's Commemoration was held under the theme, "Towards A Vaal Metropolitan River City".



A large crowd gathered at the Mafatsane Multi-purpose hall in Evaton to commemorate the Vaal Uprising of 1984.

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### Steering the Sedibeng ship

#### Vision

The Sedibeng District Council is an innovative, dynamic, developmental government that consistently meets and exceeds the expectations of the communities and the various stakeholders it serves.

#### Mission

Its mission is the creation of a local government dedicated to the provision of quality services in an effective, efficient and financially sound manner by:

- Promoting the Batho Pele principle.
- Ensuring cost effective and affordable service delivery.
- Monitoring and developing staff to ensure consistently high work output.
- Adhering to good governance and sound management practices.
- Developing a culture of accountability and transparency.

The Municipality functions in two parts. The Political and the Administrative management teams are responsible for the everyday running and execution of the roles and functions of local government. The listing here describes the structure of the municipality.

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