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*The heartland of southern Africa - development is about people*



# THE 2008 BATHO PELE DAY CELEBRATION

Under the theme “All hands on deck to speed up change”, and in the spirit of Batho Pele, about one thousand and three-hundred people gathered in the Mookgopong local municipality in the Waterberg region to celebrate the annual Batho Pele day. The colourful event took place at the Mookgopong stadium on the 25 October 2008.



**Noble words from the Premier, Mr Sello Moloto!**

Some of the dignitaries who graced the occasion were Limpopo Premier Mr Sello Moloto, Provincial Director General Dr Nelly Manzini, MEC for Limpopo Provincial Treasury Mr Sa'ad Cachalia, MEC for Public Works Ms Mmacheuene Semanya, MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture Ms Happy Joyce Mashamba, Executive Mayor for Waterberg Ms Pinki Kekana, Mayor for Mookgopong Ms Sarah Lamaola, MPs, Departmental HODs and



**"Africa is my music"**

Councillors.

Various departments and other institutions exhibited in their stalls and those were Limpopo Provincial Treasury, Department of Health and Social Development, Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism, Department of Roads and Transport, Department of Home Affairs, Department of Agriculture, SASA (South African Social Security Agency), Department of Safety and Security, Public Works, Department of Justice and Constitutional Development, as well as Office of The Premier.

The purpose of holding Batho Pele day celebration is for Government to present the citizen s' report.



**"We support our government"**

By so doing Government accounts to the citizens of Limpopo with respect to the delivery of services. In fact, Batho Pele day is a day in which Government informs the citizens who voted it into power on the achievements that have been made so far, the promises that were fulfilled and the challenges that were encountered along the way. More than this, it is a day to deepen the vision of Batho Pele and to strengthen the eight Batho Pele principles that underpin public service delivery.

Delivering his key note address, the Premier Mr Sello Moloto asserted that the responsibility of the people in this democracy is not only limited to voting after every five years, but also goes to an extend of holding accountable, those that have





# Editorial Comment



**The Editor: Abe Mokoena**

The festive fever is once more upon us. It is during this time of the year when human hearts dance with happiness like the glowing flames of an outdoor winter fire. It is during this time of the year when life seems rich and satisfying, like a miracle of extra ordinary beauty and wonder.

As Limpopo Provincial Treasury, an institution that is driven by hope for a better Tomorrow, we are firmly facing the dawn of the year 2009 but we will never forget the past. We see our past as a magic key into the future. As we wade through the mud puddles of service delivery, our heads therefore, race back to 1 April 2008, the beginning of our financial year. We trace our heroic efforts in our journey of quality service delivery, a delivery which is always underpinned by the vision of Batho Pele.

Our hearts swell with pride and humility because of the victories that we have scored in our mandate of expanding the frontiers of human dignity. We are still fighting hard to make it easy for our people to break and escape from the oppressive trap of unemployment, poverty and underdevelopment. Continuously, we recall that, our success is measured by how far we have come from where we began, not how further we have to go to reach our goals.

As custodians of provincial finances, and as our vision states, we continue to profess an abiding commitment to excel and hold the golden cup of victory. Collectively, the bright future for all the people of Limpopo we declare as our goal. It is our aim to break through the glass ceiling and move to the highest level in the landscape of service delivery.

As we excitedly wave goodbye to the year 2008, a year that has given us so much, let your eyes page through

all the articles and pictures that scream for attention in this newsletter.

And as usual, after reading this document, please put into practice the virtue of the generosity of sharing, that, "After reading this newsletter, pass it to someone else".

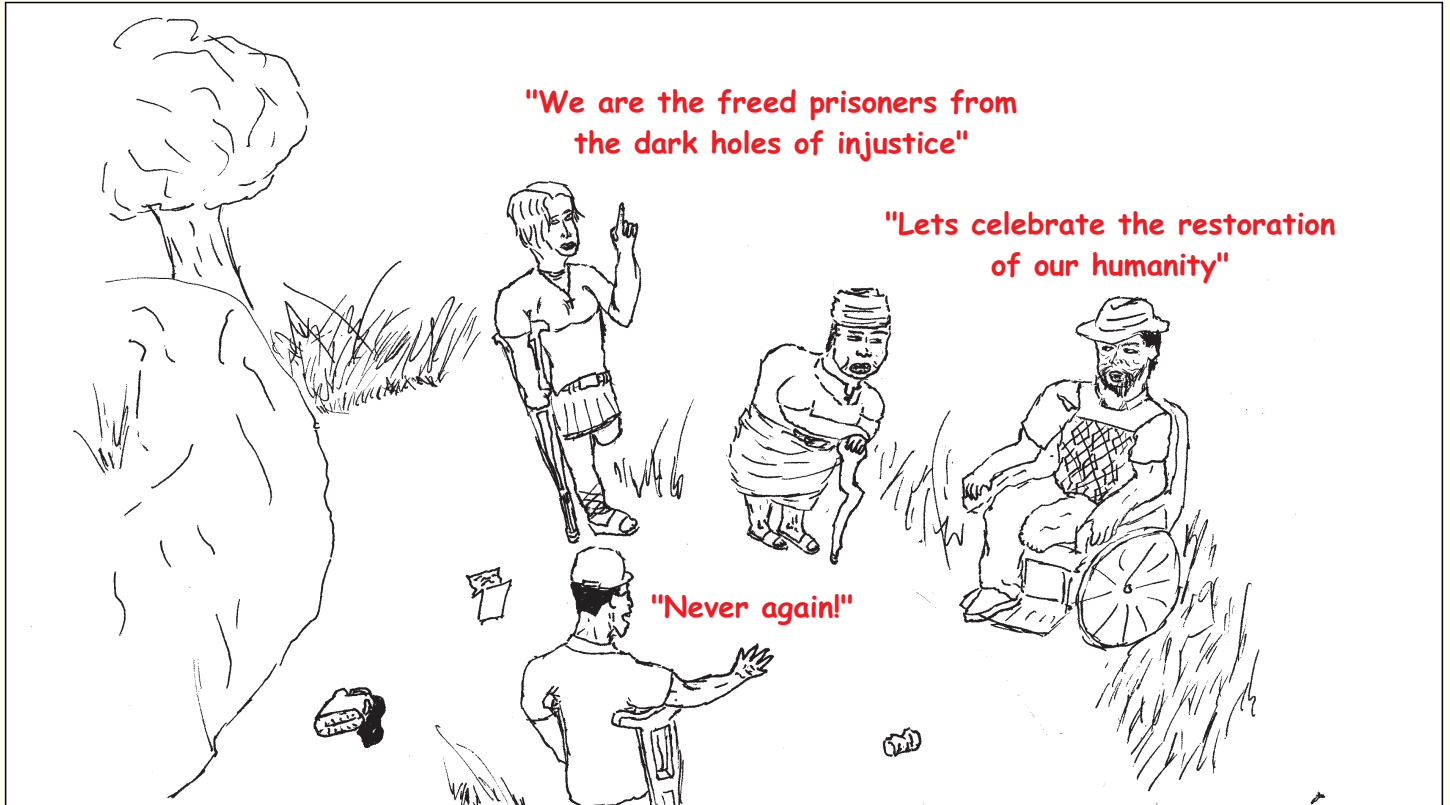
**HAPPY FESTIVE SEASON! SEE YOU IN 2009.**



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## POEM: THEY LIVE WITH DISABILITIES

In the never ceasing flow of life  
 In the past in our sunny South Africa  
 Immobilised by fear and targeted for torture  
 They shook like leaves on a tree  
 Their lives were deserted like a vast cheerless  
 graveyard  
 They lived like someone afraid of stepping over  
 broken glass  
 They were treated like performing animals in a  
 circus  
 Their oppressors acting like movie stars on  
 parade  
 Everyone could hear the dismal sound of their  
 bones crushing against the concrete wall of  
 human cruelty  
 They shut their ears against the thunder of fists  
 They closed their eyes against the slaps and the  
 swearing  
 Behind the door of a rural hut one could hear the  
 hard thump of fists against a defenseless body  
 sitting naked like the day she was born  
 "Voetsek, you dirty cripple"  
 They thought those were the vagaries of fate  
 because  
 To them freedom even from those who were  
 their own was a dream, a phantom, a ghost, a  
 mirage created by their own bedazzled eyes

They rebelled against the narrow straightjacket  
 in which society had caged them  
 The prison walls of human hearts shook,  
 vibrated and cracked with the volume of voices  
 united in the sentiment of their unspoken  
 demand for liberty  
 With the gliding movement of a panther  
 They slid out of the shell of human shame  
 The shame pulled at their hair, but it was too  
 short to offer a good handle  
 A breath from the skin of freedom came to them  
 like the hot peppery smell of volcanic lava  
 Today they feel as if their bodies have been  
 warmed by an invisible fire  
 Today they feel as if their hearts have been  
 touched by a million velvet hands  
 Theirs are smiles as provocative as they are  
 noncommittal  
 On their wheelchairs and crutches they move  
 maddeningly up to the reddish black crown for  
 their feathered glory, democracy  
 Society that oppressed them cannot bear to  
 watch them  
 But it also cannot bear not to watch them as they  
 happily hum in unison  
 "Nothing about us without us"

By Abe Mokoena



# IPOPENG HIGH SCHOOL'S 59TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



**"Nothing can beat education", Judge President B. Ngoepe Speaking at Ipopeng High School at Ga-Matlala**

**On the 31 October 2008, eight hundred and seventy-five people flocked to Ipopeng high school in GaMatlala.**

It was a day to celebrate the famous school's rich history which spans for a period of fifty-nine years. The school is situated fifty-eight kilometers on the Western side of Polokwane. The purpose of the celebration was to reunite the academic products of the institution and mobilize them to plough back into school that made them what they are today. It was also used as an opportunity to motivate the current learners to work hard in their studies with the intention of being like those who came before them. Learners had to see with their own eyes how education can transform a person's life if it is followed with drive, passion and determination.

"We just thought about looking back and seeing our own roots as a school. We want to strengthen our children's future, to guide them and assist them financially", said



**"We sing for the new tomorrow", Learners dishing out one of their sweet songs**

the principal, Mr Christopher Mashala. Among the many products of the school were the honourable Judge President of the Republic of South Africa, Bernard Ngoepe, the honourable Public Service Commissioner, Mr Mahoi, the current principal, Mr Christopher Mashala, former and current teachers, nurses, directors and police officials. The MEC for the Department of Education, Dr Motsoaledi could not make it to the event.

In his place was the MEC for Limpopo Provincial Treasury, Mr Sa'ad Cachalia. Presenting the school's history, Mr. John Matlala said that the institution's full name is "Ipopeng bana ba tšhipa ba tšia tsela nngwe". He mentioned that it was bil through the sweat and toil of



**"We will do everything in our power to help you reach your dreams", MEC Sa'ad Cachalia at Ipopeng High School**

the community using money that was collected as levy. This is a school which started with only six classrooms. Mr. Caswell Sebowa was the first person to be its principal.

The honourable judge president, Bernard Ngoepe emphatically told the learners that nothing beats education

He advised them to take their studies seriously because that is the master key that opens the door of opportunities in life. He encouraged them to work hard in their trial to better their lives.

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“If you are a human being, always do something to improve your life. If you don't stand up and do something for yourself, you will always remain where you are”, he said.

The Judge President also advised them to enjoy their rights in a responsible way. He lamented the existence



**Royal thoughts! Kgošigadi Matlala also lent dignity and respect to the occasion**

of the culture of entitlement where people think that there are things they are entitled to because we are now living in a democratic South Africa. He encouraged the learners never to look down upon themselves, irrespective of where they come from or their poor backgrounds.

“Never suffer from inferiority complex as a human being. And never underestimate yourself. You can achieve anything you want if you are hungry and focused enough.”

The MEC for Limpopo Provincial Treasury, Mr Sa'ad Cachalia started his inspiring speech by acknowledging the existence of a school of Ipopeng high's calibre, especially this past year's pass rate. He encouraged learners to take their studies very seriously. He wished the matriculants well in their final exam that would be starting in three days time.

“You are making history. You are the first badge of learners to write matric under the NSC school system. Tomorrow when the Judge President resigns, who will replace him? It has to be one of you.”

He applauded the existence of Ipopeng Progressive Convention, a body that is made up of the former products of the school. Its duty is to plough back into the



**"Iconic leaders, men of the people looking into the future, the new dawn"**

school to ensure that learners progress very well in their studies.

“As long as education remains a priority we are ready to make you diamonds, we will make everything necessary to create a conducive environment for you to learn to the best of your abilities,” he concluded.

He further advised them that when they start working they should not forget where they come from, but that, they should do something to plough back into the community that made them who they will be.

At the end of the programme, all the former students of the Ipopeng High School made individual pledges on how they will contribute to the upliftment of the institution.



**"Flowers of Africa, beauty too rich for use and for earth too dear!"**



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been elected for their actions. He further stressed that Limpopo Government regard it as a fundamental constitutional right of every citizen of this country to be afforded an opportunity to participate in their own governance.

“For Batho Pele to happen, it will obviously require every public servant to put his or her shoulder on the wheel, so that our people are given only the best quality of service wherever they are”, he said. He further stated that the contract that they have signed with the people, demands that Government selflessly dedicate itself with equal zeal and enthusiasm to the task of building the kind of South Africa that was envisaged by our fore bearers, who laid down their lives for the attainment of freedom and democracy.

“As Government, it is our responsibility to ensure that yesterday is better than the day before yesterday, that today is better than yesterday and that tomorrow will be better than today.” he emphasised.

**"RIGHT: Welcome to Africa, the cradle of humanity, the lovely land of heart's desire"**



**Lekgowa mania erupting throughout the stadium like summer thunders!**



**We are delighted to bring you the eighth edition of this newsletter.**

**We thank you for the response you showed with our seventh edition**

**We hope that you will take part in our quartely newsletters with enthusiasm and share with us ideas on how t improve on the content.**

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# LAUNCH OF MARULENG THUSONG SERVICE CENTRE

On the 22 November 2008, the people in GaSekororo, under the Mopani District municipality, flocked to the Maruleng Thosong Service centre. The approximate number of attendees was eight hundred and ninety (890). The purpose of the occasion was the celebration of the launch of the newly built Maruleng Thusong Service centre.

Various institutions carried out exhibitions at the event and those were, Limpopo Provincial Treasury, Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism, Department of Agriculture, Department of Health and Social Development, Department of Public Works, Department of Home Affairs, Mopani District Municipality and Umsombovu.

The honourable Kgoši Letsoalo warmly welcomed everyone.



**The Mayor Mr Mafogo reading the plaque for all to hear!**

Guests were acknowledged by Councilor Mashumu from the Maruleng local municipality. Poet Shibu Thobejane entertained the crowd with her poem titled "Di batametse bathong". When translated into English, this title means "Government services have been brought next to the people."

Ms Nkaro Mateta from the IEC delivered a presentation on voter education. Her presentation was based on the importance of registration and voting, the results of the 8 and 9 November voter registration process, how the IEC will conduct voter education and the code of conduct for politicians.

She lamented the fact that some people register for elections but fail to go and vote when the time



**"Wonderful word juggler, verbal acrobat", Poet Shibu Thobejane showering the masses with thrilling lines of poetry.**

comes. Accordingly, she encouraged all the people to go and exercise their constitutional right of voting in the 2009 general elections.

The key note address was delivered by the MEC for the Department of Roads and Transport, Mr Justice Pitso. The Premier of Limpopo should have delivered it but was absent due to urgent commitments.

MEC Justice Pitso said that, in the spirit of Batho Pele, the Maruleng Thusong Service Centre was established with the purpose of rolling out basic services to the people of GaSekororo and neighbouring areas. He mentioned that the people will no longer travel long distances in order to access services. He asserted that Thusong Service Centres are the primary vehicles which help government to convey its key messages and



**"We are like colours in a flower garden, shimmering in white, purple and yellow".**

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**"We are delivering as Government", some of the Government officials who graced the occasion!**

information to the people.

The Thusong Service Centres are being built throughout the province.

They are platforms where communities can be able to communicate directly with Government departments and private institutions.

Through the Maruleng Thusong Service Centre, the community will get among others, IEC services, Municipal services, Youth development services, Provincial Treasury services, Social Development services, SASSA services, Home Affairs services, Police services as well as services from the Department of Agriculture.



**"The voice of Limpopo Treasury always echo far and near", Treasury employees from Mopani exhibiting at the occasion.**

# THELETSĀ MOTHELEŠI

1. "You are the same today that you are going to be in five years from now, except for two things: the people with whom you associate and the books you read," Charles Jones.
2. "We no longer live in an economy where a person is trained for one career and works at it for life. The concept of starting at a company when one is young and staying there until retirement is almost laughable these days." T.D.Jakes.
3. "Nothing can beat education. Through it you can break the back of poverty and underdevelopment." Judge President B. Ngoepe at Ipopeng High School's 59th year celebration.
4. "There must be one big trophy for everybody because you are all winners. We are all in these together. All these twelve trophies belong to all of you. There will be just some individuals who will come to collect them for us." MEC Saad Cachalia at the 2008 Departmental Day celebration.

# SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

On the 30th October 2008, more than hundred and twenty people gathered at the Motumo Trading Post in Botlokwa to attend a Supply Chain Management tendering seminar.

The event was spearheaded by Limpopo Provincial Treasury and is part of the seminars that



**"This is your home, this is your homeland", Mr Thoka Ernest Mokganya welcoming everyone.**

are held in every district. The purpose of the seminar was to educate people about tendering issues in Government so that they can successfully participate in such activities. The event was also held with the intention of encouraging people to use the tendering activities to improve their economic situations.

Among the dignitaries present were Mr Thoka Ernest Mokganya-Manager in Local Economic Development and Planning in the Molemole local municipality, Mr Frans Madibe, Chief Whip in Blouberg local municipality, Mr Mokgopi Mabeba, a representative from the Batlokwa royal kraal and the honourable Kgoši Mothiba from Ga Mothiba.

In his welcoming speech, Mr Thoka encouraged the people to take advantage of the opportunity that is presented to them and get as many tenders as possible.



**A member of the public giving voice to his thoughts**

This, he said, will improve their economic situation and take their lives and those of their families to another level.

He further advised them to take advantage of the strategic importance of the NI road which passes through Botlokwa to establish businesses and make money which will circulate in the Molemole local municipality.

"Participate in these tendering activities so that money can circulate within this local municipality.



**"We are the foot soldiers at the coalface of change", Treasury employees in a serious service delivery mood**

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**"The future is so bright that it burns our eyes",  
Ms Mokgadi Malope delivering purpose of the day.**

This will go a long way in making a contribution into the Provincial Growth and Development strategy. Mr Miza Sehale delivered a presentation on the "Overview of the public sector procurement processes and procedures".

Other presentations centred on: Appointment of consultants, compliance with CIDB requirements, compliance with PSIRA, compliance with the Department of Labour, compliance with SARS by small entrepreneurs, fundamentals of costing and estimating, developing a fundable business plan, and funding for small enterprises by government agencies.

Institutions that delivered presentations were Limpopo Provincial Treasury, CIDB, PSIRA, Department of Labour, SARS, SEDA, LIBSA and UMSOMBOVU.

At the end of the seminar, participants from various walks of life thanked Limpopo Provincial Treasury for organizing such an informative and capacitative event.



**"We can see the promised land, the land of milk and honey!"**



**"Together we beat the drum for service delivery",  
Mr Miza Sehale**



**RIGHT: "Here we are. And this is the way to go"  
Mr David Mahlatji delivering his exciting presentation.**



# RISK MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

On the 21 November 2008, Limpopo Provincial Treasury, in collaboration with National Treasury, held a Risk Management workshop. The workshop was held at Bolivia lodge.

The purpose of the workshop was to build more capacity in all Government institutions on issues of Risk Management. It was also an effort to conscientise Government institutions about the importance of Risk Management units and the implementation of policies that are in place.



**"Hhhhh! We now see light at the end of the tunnel"**

The workshop was attended by representatives from National Treasury, Limpopo Provincial Treasury, all Provincial Departments, Mopani district municipality, Sekhukhune district municipality, Vhembe district municipality, Capricorn district municipality and Waterberg district municipality.

Among the dignitaries present were, the HOD for Limpopo Provincial Treasury, Mr Rob Tooley, the HOD for the Department of Education, Mr Zwo Nevhutalu and the HOD for the Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism Ms Jackee Shibambu.

The HOD for Limpopo Provincial Treasury, Mr Rob Tooley officially opened the workshop. He extended warm words of welcome to everyone. He also spoke on the launch of the Provincial Risk Management Forum.



**"You are warmly welcome", HOD Mr Rob Tooley**

He stressed the need for the existence of such a forum because it will go a long way in effectively managing the risk factor in Government institutions.

"It is obvious that this kind of forum is long overdue. It will minimise the risk factor in Government institutions and enable us to reach our service delivery goals and objectives."



**"We are duty bound to manage the risk factor",  
General Manager Mr Abey Marokoane**





**Programme director for the day, Mr Garvin Pratt**



**Malibongwe!!! HOD Ms Jackee Shibambu and Senior General Manager Ms Fanisa Lamola, deeply absorbed in a presentation.**



**"Without managing risk, service delivery will suffer", Mr Beerson Baboojee**



**"Forward we march and we will succeed".**

Mr Abey Marokoane, General Manager in Internal Control and Transversal Risk Management in Limpopo Provincial Treasury delivered a presentation on "History and background of Risk Management function in the Provincial Government. Mr Zach le Roux presented on "Essentials of Risk Management".

Mr Beerson Baboojee, Chief Director in Risk Management at National Treasury, presented on "The context of Risk Management in the Public sector". After each presentation, there were some discussions.

As a wayforward, various resolutions were taken.



**Mr Zach Le Roux in his verbal element**



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