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PRIORITY 3: BUILD A CAPABLE, ETHICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL STATE.

Free State hands over road maintenance equipment to the Matjhabeng Local Municipality

By Ntombi Mhlambi; GCIS, Free State

Matjhabeng Local Municipality has received road maintenance equipment from the Free State provincial government. The handover took place on 3 November 2026 at the corner of Nkoane and Matima Roads in Thabong, Welkom.

The Executive Mayor, Cllr Thanduxolo Khalipha, welcomed the equipment which was handed over by the Free State Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Cooperative Governance, Traditional Affairs (COGTA) and Human Settlements, Mr Saki Mokoena.

The municipality immediately used the new machinery to repair potholes at the intersection, demonstrating the municipality's efforts to address road infrastructure challenges. Further road maintenance work in the area will continue.

Cllr Khalipha thanked MEC Mokoena for the support. He said the equipment would strengthen the municipality's capacity to repair potholes and improve local roads while longer-term road rehabilitation was under way.

He added that the municipality had already started resealing roads along Stateway in Welkom. The programme would be extended to other areas across Matjhabeng.



Executive Mayor of Matjhabeng Local Municipality, Cllr Khalipha, with Free State MEC Mokoena at the handover of the machinery.





Machinery delivered by COGTA.



Workers repair potholes at the intersection using the new road maintenance machinery.

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Mahala Thursday opens doors for informal businesses in Mokopane

By Maria Ramoshaba; GCIS, Limpopo

Informal businesses in Mokopane can now register free of charge every Thursday at the Small Enterprise Development and Finance Agency (SEDFA) office to help them formalise and access economic opportunities.

On 29 October 2026, the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) partnered with SEDFA for a local government Thursday radio interview on Mokopane FM. The interview reached an estimated 15 000 listeners and focused on business formalisation, economic opportunities and the agency's Mahala Thursday initiative.

Mr Richard Makhubele from SEDFA explained that formalisation unlocks economic opportunities. He said the agency provides financial support to youth, women and persons with disabilities and welcomes new business ideas for development. Its support includes basic and technical business training, and access to funding, marketing and branding resources. Businesses must be formalised to receive financial support from government, and formalisation also opens access to training, funding and tender opportunities.

These services help small businesses grow and create employment opportunities. "It is easy to register a business with us. You just bring your ID, two to three months of financial records and five proposed business names. Private consultants charge up to R1 500 for the same service, but with us on Mahala Thursday it is free," said Mr Makhubele.

SEDFA officials are also available to visit businesses throughout the Waterberg District to provide on-site assistance. Business owners seeking further support can visit the agency's office at Riet Street, Mokopane or call 015 492 9600. "Do not miss out on taking your enterprise to the next level," said Makhubele.



Ms Maria Ramoshaba encouraging small businesses to take up economic opportunities available from SEDFA to sustain themselves and create jobs.



Mr Makhubele outlining the importance of business formalisation.

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GCIS raises awareness of gender-based violence and disability rights at Langebaan Taxi Rank

By Esmarelda Mckay; GCIS, Western Cape

On 13 November 2026, the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) held a public awareness activation at the Langebaan Taxi Rank to raise awareness of gender-based violence and femicide (GBVF) and the rights of persons with disabilities. The activation was held in partnership with Mfesani, the E-Centre, Saldanha Bay Local Municipality and Langebaan Thusong Service Centre.

The activation aimed to bring essential information and government services closer to communities by engaging directly with commuters, public transport users and members of the public. Information materials were distributed to educate citizens about the impact of GBVF, the importance of reporting abuse, available support services and the need to build safer communities.

The disability awareness component focused on promoting inclusivity, respect, equality and the rights of persons with disabilities. Community members were encouraged to challenge stigma and discrimination, recognise the abilities of persons with disabilities and support their meaningful participation in society.

Through direct engagement at the taxi rank, stakeholders created an opportunity to share information, address questions and encourage community members to become active participants in preventing GBVF and promoting an inclusive society.

The partnership demonstrated the importance of collaborative government communication and community-based outreach in ensuring that citizens have access to relevant information and know where to seek assistance.



Mr Willem Dirkse from the Langebaan Thusong Service Centre distributing information pamphlets to commuters during the GBVF and disability awareness activation at the Langebaan Taxi Rank.



The Mfesani team engaging with community members and sharing vital information on GBVF, as well as disability awareness during the outreach activation at the Langebaan Taxi Rank.



Mr Rally Blauw from the E-Centre distributing information pamphlets to commuters and community members, raising awareness of GBVF and disability rights at the Langebaan Taxi Rank.

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District Development Model supports collaborative investment planning in uMkhanyakude

By Jacob Mkhize and Nontuthuko Ngubane; GCIS, Gauteng

The uMkhanyakude Business and Investment Gala Dinner held at the Mfolozi Casino in Empangeni on 22 October 2026 brought together business leaders, investors, entrepreneurs, government representatives and other key stakeholders. They met to explore opportunities for economic growth and investment in the district. The Ministerial Champion and Deputy Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Dr Nomalungelo Gina; the Provincial Champion and Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Agriculture and Rural Development, Hon. Thembeni Madlopha-Mthethwa; and the Mayor of uMkhanyakude District, Cllr Siphile Mdaka, jointly hosted the event to promote investment and drive economic development in the district.

The gala dinner provided a platform for networking, strengthening partnerships and positioning the district as an attractive investment destination. It highlighted the importance of collaboration between government and the private sector in unlocking economic opportunities, stimulating local business development and creating sustainable jobs for communities. It also emphasised the need to support local entrepreneurs, attract new investors and establish strategic partnerships that contribute to inclusive economic growth and development across the district. Speaking at the event, Deputy Minister Gina highlighted the importance of the District Development Model (DDM) in promoting coordinated planning and accelerating economic development.

"In 2019, President Ramaphosa introduced the DDM to reposition local government as a driver of economic growth, catalytic projects and improved infrastructure delivery. Based on the principle of 'One District, One Plan, One Budget', the DDM brings together national, provincial and local government, business and civil society across all 44 districts and eight metropolitan municipalities.
"I therefore wish to assure business leaders that uMkhanyakude District is actively breaking down institutional silos. For example, if an aviation or airport project is initiated in the district, the KwaZulu-Natal Government would endorse it through MEC Madlopha-Mthethwa, our Provincial Champion. The project would also require the involvement of the National Department of Transport and the Airports Company South Africa. To ensure compliance with aviation regulations, the South African Civil Aviation Authority and Air Traffic and Navigation Services would also need to be involved.

"In such cases, the National Champion facilitates engagement with the relevant national Minister to accelerate decision-making and reduce bureaucratic delays. Where development finance institutions are required to co-fund a project, we follow a similarly coordinated process once our project managers have prepared a bankable proposal," said Deputy Minister Gina.

Mayor Mdaka called on business leaders and investors to invest in the district's 11 catalytic projects, which could become key pillars of the local economy. He further highlighted that uMkhanyakude has significant economic potential in agriculture, tourism, conservation, heritage and other strategic sectors that can contribute to job creation and sustainable livelihoods. uMkhanyakude is indeed a district of opportunities.



Deputy Minister Gina delivering the keynote address at the uMkhanyakude Business and Investment Gala Dinner.



MEC Madlopha-Mthethwa, addressing guests at the uMkhanyakude Business and Investment Gala Dinner.



Mayor Mdaka addressing business people at the uMkhanyakude Business and Investment Gala Dinner.



Guests attending the uMkhanyakude Business and Investment Gala Dinner.