

UMKHULEKO WOTHISHA BASE MKHONDO

“Uthisha uyakwazi ukunika ithemba, avuse amehlo engqondo, futhi avuselele uthando lokufunda”



Right to Left: USodolobha WoMasipala wase Mkhondo, uKhansela Ngelosi Ndhlovu , uDokotela Jenette Khumalo kanye nabanye othisha ababe khona ngosuku lomkhuleko .

Ube yimpumelelo umkhuleko wothisha base Mkhondo obuse Hholo lase Dolobheni mhlaka-23 kuMfumfu 2025.

Lomkhuleko wenziwa minyaka yonke ngenhloso yokuzobonga uNkulunkulu ngokubagcina bephephile bengothisha unyaka uqala kuze kube semaphethelweni awo.

Ongu mhleli walo mkhuleko, uDokotela Jenette Khumalo, ubonge kakhulu othisha ngeqhaza abalidlalayo ekukhuliseni izingane zase Mkhondo. Uqhube ngokuthi othisha bangabantu ababaluleke kakhulu ezindaweni esihlala kuzo ngoba yibo abakwazi ukwakha isimilo kanye nokunikeza ikusasa eliqhakazile kubafundi njengoba bekwazi ukuqeqesha izingane zize zibe odokotela , othisha

kanye nokunye okuningi.

UDokotela Khumalo undlulise ukubonga kubona bonke oThisha asebathatha umhlalaphansi ngen-dima abayidlalile ukunikeza abantu abasha im-fundo ukuze bekwazi ukuxosha ikati eziko emakhaya.

USodolobha WoMasipala wase Mkhondo, uKhansela Ngelosi Ndhlovu ubonge othisha ngeqhaza abalidlalayo ekushintsheni ikusasa la-bantwana base Mkhondo ngokubanikeza izimfun-diso ezakhayo nokubafundisa ukuthi empilweni izandla ziyagezana.

Uqhube ngokuthi uyazazi izingqinamba aba-bhekana nazo ezikoleni ezifana nodlame olwenzi-wa izingane ezikoleni okugcina kubeka izimpilo

zabo encupheni. Lokho abakubukeli phansi njen-
goMasipala kodwa bazosebenzisana nabo mthetho
ukuze kugwemeke lesihlava esenzekayo ezikoleni.
USodolobha ubesenxusa ukuthi kuvalwe igebe
elikhona phakathi kwengane yentombazane
nengane yomfana. UKhansela Ndhlovu ucele izi-
nhlangano ezingenzi nzuzo ukuthi azibe nezinhlelo
zokufundisa izingane zabafana ukuziphatha ukuze
zibe ngamadoda aqotho. UKhansela Ndhlovu
uphinde wanxusa izinhlangano ezingenzi nzuzo
ukuthi kube khona izindawo zokusiza abesilisa
abaphila ngaphansi kokuhlukumezeka.

Lomkhuleko ubuhanjelwe abaphathi bezi yingi
kanye nothisha asebathatha umhlalaphansi.



By Nothando Mngomezulu

THE MEC FOR MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE, SPORT AND RECREATION, MS LEAH MA- BUZA, HANDS OVER THE ETHANDUKUKHANYA LIBRARY

khanya Public Library to the Mkhondo Local Mu-
nicipality and its residents on 06 November 2025.

This state-of-art library is designed to enhance
learning, literacy, and access to information —
particularly benefiting learners and residents in
Mkhondo. It features modern facilities, including a
study area, a computer lab, and free Wi-Fi with
internet connectivity.

During her remarks, Acting Executive Mayor,
MMC for Technical Services , Cllr. Mary Thwala
of Mkhondo Local Municipality, expressed grati-
tude to MEC Mabuza and her department for their
unwavering commitment to education, literacy,
and youth development stated that ,” through the



The newly built Ethandukhanya Public Library

The MEC for the Mpumalanga Department of Cul-
ture, Sport and Recreation, Ms Leah Mabuza , offi-
cially handed over the newly rebuilt eThanduku -

MEC's leadership, this investment will transform lives from young learners discovering the joy of reading, to adults seeking new skills, to entrepreneurs exploring innovative ideas. “

Cllr. Thwala urged residents to protect the facility, emphasising its importance in empowering individuals through education and access to knowledge. She also pledged that the municipality will take good care of the library and ensure that it serves the people of Mkhondo and future generations.



The MEC Hon. L Mabuza unveiling the unveiling the library's plaque

In her address, MEC Leah Mabuza shared her joy and encouraged the community to make full use of the library's resources. MEC Mabuza highlighted that the facility will greatly assist young people with university applications, job searches, and academic work.

Additionally, MEC Mabuza cautioned residents against sabotaging public property or municipal infrastructure out of frustration over service delivery issues, stressing that such actions only hinder community progress and harm future generations.

Supporting the initiative, the Department of Agriculture handed over nine Smartboxes for planting and various tools to MEC Mabuza. These resources will assist a local cooperative that plans to use the library premises for productive community projects.



By Nothando Mngomezulu

MASISUKUME SAKHE ISIZWE ESIBUMBENE

“UHLELO LOKUHAMBELA ABAHOLI BENDABUKO LUKA SOMLOMO UKHANSELA MDUDUZI NGWENYA”



USomlomo womkhandlu uKhansela Mduduzi Ngwenya ethula inkulumbo yakhe kwesinye sezigodlo.

Ekuqaleni kwenyanga kaMfumu 2025, uSomlomo uKhansela uMduduzi Ngwenya waqala uhlelo lokuhambela izigodlo zabaholi bendabuko eMkhondo namaphethelo.

Okubalwa kuzo isigodlo saseMadabukela; ngaphansi kweNkosi uMthethwa, kwaNdwalaza; ngaphansi kweNkosi uMahlobo, Emahlaphahlapha; ngaphansi kweNkosi yakwa Yende, Kanye nesigodlo saso-Ogenyaneni; ngaphansi kweNkosi uYende.

Inhloso ngqangi yaloluhelelo ukuvuselela kanye nokuqinisa ubudlelwano nokusebenzisana phakathi kwaMasipala kanye nobuholi bendabuko.

USomlomo uNgwenya ugcizelele ukubaluleka kwaMakhosi kanye neZinduna ekwakheni isizwe esibumbene ukuze kuzoba lula ukufinyelela kanye nokufukula umphakathi okhungethwe ububha.

“ Ayikho into ekufanele yenzeke emphakathini ngale kokwazisa izinduna” kuqhuba yena uSomlomo.

— uKhansela Mduduzi Ngwenya ”

Amakhosi kanye neziNduna bakhombise ukuluthokozela kakhulu loluhlelo, baphinde bendlulisa amazwi okubonga kuSomlomo.

Kuningi okuthe kwadingidwa kulezigcawu okubalwa kukho, udaba oselwaba olusematheni lokuhlukunyezwa kwenzingane kanye nabantu besifazane, uphuzo oludakayo kanye nezidakamizwa, ubugebengu osebudlangile emphakathini nokunye okuningi.

Umphakathi wakulezigodi nawo uthole ithuba lokuzwakalisa ilaka lawo.

Loluhelelo beluhanjelwe nangu uSotswebhu uKhansela Daniel Thwala kanye no Khansela T.W Manana.



By Hlengiwe Mthimkhulu

CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN FOR A CLEANER, GREENER MKHONDO

“A cleaner Mkhondo starts with each one of us — small actions, big change.”



Ward Councillor SD Thwala during the Cleaning up Campaign in Ward 4 .



On 29 October 2025, the Mkhondo Local Municipality, through its Environmental Management and Social Development Unit, took a stand against illegal dumping and organized a successful clean-up campaign in various places around Mkhondo.

This initiative is part of the Municipality’s ongoing efforts to build a cleaner, safer, and more appealing environment while encouraging community involvement and environmental awareness.

Beyond just picking litter, the campaign focused on education and long-term change as awareness drives are being held to teach residents about proper waste disposal, recycling, and the importance of reducing single-use plastics.

As the streets of Mkhondo begin to shine once again, residents are reminded that keeping their community clean is a shared duty. The campaign stands as proof that when a community works together it can achieve remarkable results, a healthier environment and a stronger sense of unity.

Residents are reminded to keep public spaces clean, avoid littering, and place their waste out only on the official refuse collection days scheduled by the Municipality. Together, we can keep Mkhondo beautiful, safe, and sustainable.



By Nothando Mngomezulu

MKHONDO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY HOSTS EMPLOYEE WELLNESS DAY

“When employees feel well, they work well. Wellness is the heartbeat of organisational success.”

On 08 October 2025, Mkhondo Local Municipality hosted a vibrant Employee Wellness Day at the Mkhondo Town Hall, under the inspiring theme “Wellness is the Way of Life.”

The event provided a platform for municipal employees to showcase their talents, engage in health and wellness activities, and learn more about maintaining a balanced lifestyle. It also aimed to uplift staff morale, while promoting mental, physical, and financial well-being across all departments.

Throughout the day, employees enthusiastically participated in a variety of fun and interactive activities, including the Fun Walk, Fun Run, Dibeke, Morabaraba, Jiskie, Intonga, and several other traditional and recreational games that encouraged teamwork and unity.

The Executive Mayor, Cllr. Ngelosi Ndhlovu, joined by members of the Mayoral Committee and other councillors, handed out prizes to outstanding participants who excelled in different sporting activities.

This exciting and energetic day was made possible through the valuable support of the Municipality’s partners and stakeholders, whose contributions ensured the success of the event.

The Employee Wellness Day truly reflected the spirit of togetherness, positivity, and wellness that defines Mkhondo Local Municipality — reminding everyone that “Wellness is indeed the way of life.”





By Manqoba Mazibuko

IMIGUBHO YAMAKHOSI ASE MKHONDO



Kgoshi Lameck Mokoena; Chairperson of the Mpumalanga House of Traditional and Khoi-San, Inkosi uYende ne kanye nkosi

Ibe yimpumelelo imigubho yokubungaza amasiko kanye namagugu eyenziwe amaKhosi ase Mkhondo ngenyanga ka- Mandulo Kanye no Lwezi 2025.

Lemicimbi ibibanjelwe ngaphansi kweziGodlo ezahlukahlukene okufaka phakathi ubukhosi baso Ogenyaneni ngaphansi kwe Nkosi u M.T Yende, ubukhosi base Mahlaphahlapha ngaphansi kwe Nkosi u B.V Yende, ubukhosi base Madabukela ngaphansi kwe Nkosi u T.B Mthethwa, nobukhosi baseMfumbeni ngaphansi kwe Nkosikati B Hlatshwako Kanye nobukhosi bakwa Ndwalaza ngaphansi kwe Nkosi u M.A Mahlobo.

Lemigubho ibanjwa minyaka yonke ngalesikhathi sonyaka njengenxenye yokubungaza amasiko nesintu sethu.

Inhlosonqangi yalomgubho ukuqhakambisa kanye nokugquzela ukulondwa kanye nokugcinwa kwamasiko kanye namagugu esizwe. Kanti kuphinde kube yilapho kufundiswa khona abantu abasebasha ngendlela izinto zesintu ezenziwa ngayo..



Inkosi uMahlobo kanye ne nkosi yakwaDuma Traditional Council M.S Mnisi .



By Thando Mngomezulu

UBUNTU COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

“Real change begins when communities come together to confront challenges with honesty, unity, and shared responsibility “



On 06 November 2025, a Social Cohesion Community Dialogue was successfully held at the Amsterdam Hall. The session was graced by the presence of Ward 19 Councillor, Cllr. Musa Lukhele; the Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation; the Mkhondo Local Municipality; and key stakeholders, including NGOs such as the Mpumalanga Addiction Rehabilitation Centre, Bambanani Victim Empowerment Centre, GRIP, mental health organisations, Love Life, SAPS, and the Community Policing Forum.

The session commenced with presentations from each stakeholder: Mr. Ntakanyane from the Community Policing Forum, Ms. Busisiwe Sibeko from Love Life, Ms. T. Motha from the Bambanani Centre, Mr. Makoka from the Rehabilitation Centre, and Mr. Moroja from SAPS. Each speaker highlighted the challenges they face due to crime, drug and substance abuse, murder, rape, gender-based violence, and the erosion of morals and values.

The dialogue provided a platform for open and honest discussions with residents on critical social issues, and how collaborative efforts between stakeholders and the community can help resolve these challenges. Commissions were created to discuss contributing factors, possible solutions, and responsible parties. These discussions focused on values and morals, gender-based violence, drugs, substance abuse, safety and security (crime).

Under these themes, commission representatives facilitated constructive conversations, identified practical solutions, and determined the relevant stakeholders responsible for addressing the challenges effectively. They also emphasized that, as a community, the renewal of the spirit of humanity, hospitality, and community value systems is essential in teaching children positive human behaviour.

By Mpume Hadebe

EMPOWERMENT OF SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

“Empowering small businesses in Mkhondo strengthens our community and grows our future.”

On 4 November 2025, the Mkhondo Local Municipality, in partnership with the Small Enterprise Development Finance Agency (SEDFA) through the Local Economic Development (LED) Office, handed over essential tools of trade to 17 small businesses from various wards across Mkhondo. The handover ceremony took place at the Municipal Town Hall and was attended by the MMC for Planning and Development, Cllr. Thembi Khumalo; the Municipal Manager, Mr. Mthandeni Mkhonza; the Senior Manager for Local Economic Development, Adv. H. Vilakazi; and representatives from various stakeholders.

The initiative aims to empower township and rural-based SMMEs by providing them with the tools they need to build sustainable enterprises. Beneficiaries received equipment tailored to their business needs, including washing machines, fridges, wheelbarrows, microwaves and printers, among other items.

One of the recipients expressed heartfelt appreciation for the support, highlighting that the tools would make a significant difference in improving their business operations.

This programme marks another step toward strengthening local economic development and fostering entrepreneurship in Mkhondo.



MMC for Planning and Development and Local Economic Development Manager Adv. Vilakazi during the handover .



Municipal Manager Mthandeni Mkhonza handing over Tools of Trade .



By Trudy Mbatha

MKHONDO LOCAL MUNICIPALITY ENGAGED COMMUNITIES ON THE 2025/2026 FINANCIAL YEAR IDP AND BUDGET



Executive Mayor Cllr. Ngelosi Ndhlovu and MMC for Technical Services; Cllr. Mary Thwala during the IDP meeting in Ward 14

The Mkhondo Local Municipality successfully conducted its 2025/2026 financial year Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Budget Consultation Meetings, which commenced on 01 October 2025.

The engagements were held in accordance with Section 16 of the Municipal Systems Act, which promotes public participation in local government planning and development. Throughout the month of October, the Municipality visited all 19 wards across Mkhondo to engage with residents, stakeholders, and community structures.

The sessions served as an important platform for community members to express their needs, highlight development priorities, and contribute to shaping the Municipality's service delivery and budget planning for the 2025/2026 financial year.

Municipal Councillors, officials, ward committee members, and Community Development Workers (CDWs) attended the meetings, demonstrating a strong commitment to inclusive and participatory governance.

During the consultation process, the leadership of Mkhondo Local Municipality emphasized the importance of community involvement in ensuring that the IDP and budget reflect the real priorities of the people.

“These engagements were about giving our communities a voice in how resources are allocated and how development unfolds in Mkhondo,” said the Speaker of Council. “We appreciate every contribution made during these meetings as they form the foundation of a people-centred and accountable municipality.”



Speaker of Council Cllr. M Z Ngwenya during a IDP Meeting in Ward 2.



By Hlengiwe Mthimkhulu

STRENGTHENING ACCOUNTABILITY: MPAC LEADS OVERSIGHT TOURS AT GABOSCH DAM AND BOREHOLE PROJECT IN WARD 15



Under Construct: Gabosch Dam in Amsterdam in Ward 05

The Municipal Public Accounts Committees (MPAC) of the Gert Sibande District Municipality (GSDM) and Mkhondo Local Municipality (MLM) conducted a two-day oversight and media tour programme on 18-19 November 2025, which included inspections at the Gabosch Dam construction site in Amsterdam and the completed borehole project in Ward 15.

The oversight visits were undertaken in line with the committees' constitutional mandate to promote transparency, accountability, and sound financial management in the implementation of major municipal infrastructure projects. The purpose of the visits was to assess progress, evaluate expenditure, and ensure that project outcomes align with approved plans and community service delivery needs.

During the visit to the Gabosch Dam site, project engineers and officials provided a comprehensive update on the status of the Development .

The briefing included progress on key milestones, challenges encountered, and projected timelines for the remaining phases.

GSDM Executive Mayor, Cllr. Walter Mngomezulu, commended the project team for maintaining consistent progress and reiterated the strategic significance of the dam. Cllr. Mngomezulu emphasised that the Gabosch Dam is one of the most substantial water infrastructure developments in South Africa, designed to enhance water security and improve long-term service delivery for communities within Mkhondo.

The committees highlighted the positive community impact of the project, particularly in improving access to portable water for households that previously faced shortages.



The programme concluded with on-site walkabouts, enabling MPAC members to observe project activities first-hand and engage directly with engineers and technical personnel. These engagements form an essential part of the committees' oversight processes, ensuring that public funds are utilised effectively and that infrastructure developments progress as planned. The oversight delegation included GSDM Executive Mayor: Cllr. Walter Mngomezulu, GSDM MPAC Chairperson; Cllr. Noliqwa Nhlapho, GSDM Speaker of Council; Cllr. Busisiwe Sikhonde, MLM MPAC Chairperson; Cllr. D.M. Ntshakala, GSDM Whip of Council; Cllr. B. Mtshali, Members of the GSDM and MLM MPAC Committees.



MPAC Delegation during the Borehole handover in Ward 15



By Mikayla Rubikesan

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- S Charvarika 01/03/2019 –30/11/25



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- MW Coka 01/07/2019 - 19/07/25
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