



VICTOR KHANYE

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The 2020 Matric Awards receive support from VKLM Executive Council

The annual Victor Khanye Local Municipality awards ceremony for the 2020 National Senior Certificates were held at Mafa Max Motloutung Secondary School Hall to celebrate the best performing schools, teachers and learners in the circuit. In a ceremony attended by Executive Mayor Cllr Vusi Buda, Chief Whip

Sponono Mahlangu, MMC for Social Services & Development Dorcus Yeko, MMC for Finance and Economic Development Henry Ngoma and Ward 3 Councillor Tebogo Malomane, VKLM Council honoured the top achievers with awards. Mayor Buda said, "Education will only impart knowledge to you but it will not

help you find employment. It is up to you to be an employee or the employer who would reduce unemployment." Cllr Buda was encouraging learners to consider other economic options as the country has a high rate of unemployment.

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LOCALS ATTEND IDP CONSULTATIVE MEETING IN NUMBERS

The Victor Khanye Local Municipality kicked off the 2021/2022 Integrated Development Plan Consultative Process at Ward 1 Ogies Kole on Wednesday, 7 April with a great turn up from the community. People came in numbers with eagerness to hear what the municipality have to say to them and also relishing the opportunity to have their voice heard on the day. It was not a smooth ride in the beginning as some few ill-mannered individuals attempted to derail the meeting but the Speaker Cllr Khaya Segone quickly intervened to restore order by calling out those constantly making noise and asking irrelevant questions as a way of distracting the Executive Mayor Cllr Vusi Buda. Local citizens made their submissions on the day with the predominant matter being the issue of 60% deduction taken from every electricity purchase from those owing their rates.

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The Victor Khanye Local Municipality's Youth Office led by Charmaine Kubeka held an imbizo in Ward Nine (9), Waaikraal, in March 2021 to address career opportunities and issues of unemployment.

The outreach is in line with the municipal Service Delivery Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) and is organized quarterly across all nine wards. Various organisations at the event made presentations regarding the support they offer to young people in other avenues outside education and within school programmes. The outreaches are also held to encourage Grade 12 learners and unemployed young people to apply early for bursaries as well as research about numerous career opportunities and consider higher learning institutions to further their studies such TVET colleges.

Numerous issues were raised during interactions and the lack of access to the internet and technology was the major challenge brought up, which the proposed solution was the upgrading of the current youth centre in Waaikraal and neighbouring farms. A critical issue of concern raised is the lack of scholar transport pick up spots which do not accommodate students in the far farm areas such as Klipspruit and Eirsterfontein including the pickup times which do not accommodate Grade 12 learners whose class schedules differ from those of learners in lower grades.

The issues raised will be sent to relevant departments to be addressed during the coming youth imbizo.



VKLM Youth Manager, Charmaine Kubeka

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Malomane acknowledged the work done by the organising committee, the circuit manager, the parents, teachers and learners from the various high schools in the circuit, including the sponsors such as Exxaro, Mbuyelo Coal and Gossa Holdings.

“We want the bridge that is proposed to be built by engineers that will come out of Victor Khanye”, said Malomane. He further encouraged the less performing schools to pull up their socks and do better in future. “If the speaker of the council was here, he would have quoted the famous words of a famous Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu: ‘The journey of a thousand miles begins with one single step’”. As the top performing school in the VKLM Circuit, Hoërskool Delmas has contributed towards pushing VKLM Circuit at 62.9 % pass rate which led to the Nkangala District at the top of Mpumalanga Province to be one of the top two performing Districts in Mpumalanga in a tie with Bohlabela District at a 74,6 % pass rate.

The performing school in the circuit Hoërskool Delmas is followed by the school with the most bachelors, Mafa Max Motloug with a 96 % pass rate and at number three, the most improved school in the circuit is Sundra High School at 72,9%. Hoërskool Delmas produced the top three performing learners, at the top is Anna Elizabeth Erasmus with a 93 % pass rate,

followed by Hendrik Prinsloo who performed at a 92% rate and the two top three Meyer Chanelle Dominique and Zulu Sbahle from Mafa Max Motloug Secondary School with a tie at 87%. On previous Highveld Chronicle issue 148 the top three performing learners spoke about how they coped with Matric during the pandemic year.

The top three best performing educators all from Hoërskool Delmas produced a 100 % pass rate in their respective subjects Mrs L Schutte for Life Sciences, Mr C Du Plessis for Physical Sciences and Mrs S Pretorius for Geography.

“In the face of the pandemic a number of people thought we should give up on the academic year. Despite the challenges a number of schools registered massive improvement”, said VKLM Circuit Manager Thembelihle Ngwenya.



Executive Mayor Cllr Vusi Buda



Office of the Mayor intervenes for a wheelchair



The Victor Khanye Local Municipality (VKLM) office of the Mayor intervened in assisting a local disabled minor to receive a wheelchair. On 2 March Siphamandla Innocent Mtshweni, 10, was presented with the requested wheelchair by the VKLM Council, Executive Mayor Cllr Vusi Buda, Speaker Khaya Segone, Chief Whip Sponono Mahlangu, MMC for Finance and Economic Development Services Henry Ngoma, Ward

3 Councillor Tebogo Malomane and Mbuyelo Coal Jenny Miodise. Mtshweni has a condition called cerebral palsy which began showing at the age of one (1). Cerebral palsy is an innate movement disorder caused by abnormal brain development, in most cases before birth and in rare cases after birth at earlier stages of an infant's life. Mtshweni's condition includes inflated bends, floppy and rigid limbs and he therefore cannot stand balanced on his own, needing support. According to his mother, Thandi Masombuka, he looked normal when he was born and only began showing the symptoms of this chronic condition from the age of one. Masombuka lives in a tiny RDP house at Extension 4 in Delmas with her two kids including Mtshweni, her aunt and sister and only started working at local pharmacy as a scanner from January 2021. "My aunt went to the mayor around November and December in 2020 for a wheelchair for the child," said Masombuka.



The Office of the Mayor responded to the request through the assistance of Mbuyelo Coal, the Manungu colliery to get the wheelchair for the 10-year old Mtshweni. "We are with the representative from Mbuyelo Coal and when we called for help here at home they responded to this call to assist as usual when we are faced with similar situations and we would like to express our gratitude to them... this organisation we serve, the ANC, is that we are committed to keep our promises and if people are asking for our assistance we do

exactly as they expect us to do," said Mayor Cllr Buda. "We are here to present the wheelchair and as agents of "khongolose". This family said it needs a wheelchair for their child and we have brought it..." said VKLM Speaker Segone. Segone was referring to the launch hosted late 2020 by the Office of the Speaker to recognise and incorporate people living with deafness into the VKLM society.



**VICTOR KHANYE
LOCAL MUNICIPALITY**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 29 (1)(b)(i)&(ii) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000 that the council of Victor Khanye Local Municipality has started with the 2021/2022 Integrated Development Plan Consultative Process.

DUE TO COVID-19 REGULATIONS THE MEETINGS WILL ONLY ACCOMMODATE 50% OF FACILITY CAPACITY

WARDS	VENUE	TIME	DATES
Ward 1	Ogies Kole	16h00	07/04/2021
Ward 2	Sinethemba Community Hall	16h00	08/04/2021
Ward 3	Mafa Max Motloun Secondary School Sport Ground	16h00	13/04/2021
Ward 4	Ext 3 Community Hall	16h00	14/04/2021
Ward 5	Ext 3 Community Hall	16h00	15/04/2021
Ward 6	Delpark Sports Ground	16h00	12/04/2021
Ward 7	Savannah	10h00	11/04/2021
Ward 8	Mimosa	10h00	10/04/2021
Ward 9	Argent	10h00	18/04/2021

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The mayor assured those in attendance that the 60/40 policy will still be in use as it is a way of recovering the monies owned to the municipality considering the fact that the municipality was still falling short in collections projections and that put pressure towards the obligation of delivering services to the people. He then invited those unemployed and pensioners to come forward to apply as indigents to qualify for exemption.

Buda further called on all community members to use proper channels to engage with powers that be rather than taking to the street. "I have said it before in the past that there won't be any total shutdown in the municipality as long as I am a mayor, those days are a thing of a past," Buda said.

"We won't allow people gunning for councillorship positions using our people for their own gain," Buda lashed. He then moved on to call for patience from those who are still waiting for RDP houses while indicating that the number of

budgeted houses is far too low to meet the ever increasing demand. Buda stated that as the municipality they have no choice but take what's allocated to them by the housing department then assured the community that they also are working on availing land for development. "Our people have shown capability to build themselves their own houses if given the land to do so, hence it is our commitment to enable them by giving them land," he said.

A call to attend the upcoming meetings have been made to all citizens of VKLM in all wards.





Project site visits by Nkangala Troika and the Mayoral Committee

On the last quarter of 2020 the Nkangala political executive, the Troika and the Mayoral Committee embarked on site visits to the local municipalities' projects.

Troika, which consisted of the Executive Mayor, Speaker and Chief Whip of the Nkangala District and the Mayoral Committee, was reviewing the progress of the projects in the six local municipalities namely Emakhazeni, Emalahleni, Steve Tshwete, Victor Khanye, Thembisile Hani and Dr JS Moroka.

Nkangala District Executive Mayor Cllr TS Masilela, Speaker Lucky Ndinisa, Chief whip Kabelo Jonas Boshomane in the company of the local troikas of the local municipalities began the site visits from 12 November.

During the VKLM site visit on 13 November Cllr TS Masilela expressed her delight at the astonishing work done by projects managers at VKLM and not forgetting to mention the water crisis faced by the municipality after Rand Water had committed to reduce water pressure by 20 percent. Projects in VKLM include the Sewer Pipeline in Kgomo Street in Ward 1 and 2 Phase 3 and Refurbishment of Boreholes & Elevated Steel Tank and the construction of internal roads in Botleng.

VKLM Executive Mayor Cllr Vusi Buda, Cllr Sponono Mahlangu and project managers were in the company of the Nkangala troika for the site visit. Cllr Buda emphasised how the borehole water will be of use during this time which VKLM needs it the most.

According to the General Manager of Technical Services Dumisani Mahlangu, the visits are not an official handover of the projects but rather for the executive to have a practical feel of the work done.



VKLM gives sign language interpretation the green light

Victor Khanye Local Municipality of the Mayor Cllr Vusi Buda and the Speaker Khaya Segone hosted a luncheon to launch sign language interpretation services to integrate people living with deafness into the communications of the municipality.

The people living with deafness and other disabilities are often marginalised in society therefore the VKLM council vowed to ensure that they stay informed with the municipal events and communications going forth.

The luncheon which took place on 23 December 2020 hosted 30 young and old deaf people from VKLM. Segone said after his office was approached by a Professional Sign Language interpreter Lerato Mtshweni to accommodate people living with deafness in the municipality, he saw it best to take action on this proposed idea.

Segone acknowledged that the sign language interpretation services during public addresses by the executive council were long overdue. "We apologise that we have not for a long time considered the deaf in our services...We cannot be a government without sign language interpreters when we address the community. We have organised this event to send a message that we acknowledge and accommodate the deaf and other disabled people in our society", said Segone. "We have also organised food parcels as this Covid-19 pandemic has caused hunger in the society", he added.

Segone and Buda further pledged to support Mtshweni to register a Non-Profit Organisation which will focus on providing sign language interpretation services. "There

are a number of disability centres, so after we help register her [Mtshweni] NPO, we will bring them together and see how government is able to support all of them", said Buda. Representatives from Spiros Transport, Arnott Smith and Johannes Nkosi were also present to support the initiative. Kwena Mining Services and Ronewa Laboratories have also sponsored the event with purchasing of food parcels which benefited 32 individuals from Botleng.



Professional Sign Language interpreter Lerato Mtshweni



In loving memory of Khulekani Cowndry Bhutana Ndinisa 1986-08-03 - 2021-03-09



The Victor Khanye Local Municipality's executive council held the memorial service of the late Khulekani Cowndry Bhutana Ndinisa on 11 March at the Botleng Sports Centre.

Ndinisa served as a traffic officer for VKLM and was part of the 2019 intakes. May his soul rest in eternal peace.