

19 August - 02 September 2026

A photograph of four men standing side-by-side on a grassy sports field. They are all wearing white polo shirts with purple horizontal stripes and the NWU logo. The man on the far left is wearing sunglasses and khaki pants. The man second from the left is wearing a dark shirt. The man third from the left is wearing glasses and a dark shirt. The man on the far right is wearing a light-colored shirt. In the background, there are white tents with NWU logos and a large stadium structure under a blue sky with clouds.

Executive Mayor of Mahikeng, Cllr Tshepiso Mphehlo, MEC of Arts, Culture, Sports and Recreation Mr Wessels Morweng, North West Provincial Sports Confederation President Mr Thebe Sekoto, and Board member of the Eagles Sporting Excellence (Company running the NWU FC) Prof Dan Metsileng

Leading the attack are forwards Reatlegile Kgosithebe, Boitshoko Sekai and Cwuma Qinga. With the new kit, new faces, and strong community backing, the NWU Soccer Institute will be aiming to make its mark in their quest for glory.

Delivering the keynote address and officially unveiling the new kit, NWU Principal and Vice-Chancellor Professor Mzibanzi Bismark Tyobeka described the occasion as more than a sporting event, saying it represented a

Members of the Pilanesberg Hiking Club

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Second Provincial Hiking Day a huge success



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The theme was: "I choose to be active". The Provincial Hiking Day is a flagship event aimed at promoting outdoor recreation, environmental awareness, and a healthy lifestyle across the North West province. Saturday morning was an early start for the hikers ready to take on the 5km, 10km and 15km hiking trail across the stunning bushveld and mountainous area with diverse flora and fauna.

A spirit of camaraderie and passion for the outdoors made the day memorable. The Acting Director of Recreation Management, Kelebone Motladile was impressed with the outcome of the event. "It is growing in leaps and bounds. Hikers are starting to have a lot of interest in the event. Surely this one will grow to be one of the biggest in the North West Province." A seasoned hiker,

Adam Vickers from Botswana, was just as enthusiastic. "I am from a hiking project, we are creating a national trail in Botswana and came to the North West Provincial Hiking Day to recruit hikers who can assist us to develop the Botswana national trail." "I started my hiking journey at the age of 12. Through hiking I have been to countries such as Lesotho, ESwatini, Zimbabwe, Tanzania and many part of South Africa." Vickers further appreciated the effort done by ACSR to organize the Provincial Hiking Day.

"The organization of the event was marvelous. The lead hikers kept checking on us if we were doing well during the trail. No one was left behind." Chairperson of Kaditshwene Hiking Club, Kagiso Legobe was in a celebratory mood. "The North West Province heeded a call from the Minister of Sports, Arts and Culture to have hiking days. The province has extensive experience

within the hiking sector, so it was easy to take the challenge." "This year we tried to fix all the challenges that we experienced last year. The effort made sure that hikers' and campers' experience was a memorable one. "We will continue to perfect the hiking event with the aim of making it a flagship programme of the North West Province and South Africa."

The Hiking Clubs and Campers that participated were: Kaditshwene hiking clubs, Pilanesburg Adventures, Adventurous Hiking clubs, Ditsamaanaga Hiking club, Do it outdoor adventure hiking club, Madibeng-Bojanala: Groove Nation camping club, Kweneng hiking club, Makoba Hiking club, Masepele Hiking club, Masamakgoka outdoor Adventures, Silang mabele camp, Dihudi Adventures club, Madics Adventures club, zenjewels tribe hike club, Boago camping clubs.

Also in attendance were: Dithax jungle Adventures, Bush Lovers camping crew, North West Scouts, Tsoga Kgarabe Tours, Nare's bush camping, raturuga bush camp, Monatefontein outdoor club, Blossomed Life hiking club, Kgatleng hiking club, Dikanono outdoor adventure, Disasankanaga camping and Adventure, Keep Walking hiking club, Diyathoteng hiking club (Botswana), All seasons hikers and Adventures, Rusty hiking and camping, Taung hiking club and Hawks Adventure club.



JB MARKS LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

PUBLIC NOTICE CALLING FOR INSPECTION OF THE JB MARKS LOCAL MUNICIPALITY 2025/2026 SUPPLEMENTARY VALUATION ROLL AND LODGING OF OBJECTIONS THERETO

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 49(1)(a)(i) read together with Section 78(2) of the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, 2004 (Act No. 6 of 2004) as amended, hereinafter referred to as the "Act", that the Supplementary Valuation Roll in the jurisdiction of the JB MARKS Local Municipality for the financial year 2025/2026, is open for public inspection **from 14 August 2026 to 28 September 2026 at: Income/Rates Hall, Dan Tloome Complex, c/o Wolmarans street and Sol Plaatjie Avenue, Potchefstroom or Property Division, Van Tonder Crescent, Ventersdorp, or JB Marks Local Municipality website**

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An invitation is hereby made in terms of Section 49(1)(a)(ii) of the Act, to any owner of property or other person who so desires, to lodge an objection with the Municipal Manager in respect of any matter reflected in, or omitted from, the Supplementary Valuation Roll within the above- mentioned period. Attention is specifically drawn to the fact that in terms of Section 50(2) of the Act, objection must be in relation to a **specific individual property only**. The form for the lodging of an objection is obtainable at the addresses and website as stated above.

The completed forms must be returned before or on 28 September 2026 to one of the addresses indicated on the forms or posted to: The Secretariat of the Valuation Appeal Board/Municipal Manager, JB Marks Municipality, P.O. Box 113, Potchefstroom, Municipality, P.O. Box 113, Potchefstroom, 2520.

For enquiries and to verify your value, please contact **Potchefstroom:** Mrs Jo-Adri Ashwell, 018299 5018, Jo-AdriA@jbmarks.gov.za or **Ventersdorp:** Mrs Marianna de Villiers, 018 264 8595, mariannadv@jbmarks.gov.za

MR. K. KUMBE
Municipal Manager
Notice No. 63/2026

KENNISGEWING VIR INSPEKSIE VAN DIE JB MARKS PLAASLIKE MUNISIPALITEIT 2025/2026 SUPPLEMENTERE WAARDERINGSLYS EN INDIENING VAN BESWARE DAARTEEN

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge artikel 49(1)(a)(i) saamgelees met artikel 78(2) van die Wet op Plaaslike Regering: Munisipale Eiendomsbelasting, 2004 (Wet 6 van 2004) soos gewysig, hierna verwys as die "Wet", dat die Supplementere Waardasieroel van die JB MARKS Plaaslike Munisipaliteit se regsgebied vir die finansiële jaar 2025/2026, oop le vir publieke inspeksie **vanaf 14 Augustus 2026 tot 28 September 2026 by: Inkomste/Belastingsaal, Dan Tloome Kompleks, h/v Wolmaransstraat en Sol Plaatjielaan, Potchefstroom of Eiendomme Afdeling, Van Tonder Singel, Ventersdorp, of webtuiste van JB Marks Plaaslike Munisipaliteit**

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'n Uitnodiging word hiermee aan elke eienaar of ander persoon gerig om in terme van artikel 49(1)(a)(ii) van die Wet, indien so begerig, beswaar te maak by die Munisipale Bestuurder in belang van of enige ander saak opgeteken of weggelaat in die Supplementere Waarderingslys, binne bogemelde tydperk. Aandag word spesifiek daarop gevestig dat ingevolge artikel 50(2) van die Wet, 'n beswaar slegs betrekking moet he op 'n **spesifieke individuele eiendom**. Die vorm vir die indiening van 'n beswaar kan by die bogemelde adresse en webtuiste verkry word.

Die voltooide vorms moet voor of op 28 September 2026 ingedien word by een van die adresse soos op die vorms aangedui of gepos word aan: Die Sekretaris van die Waarderings Appellaad/Munisipale Bestuurder, JB Marks Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, Posbus 113, Potchefstroom, 2520.

Vir navrae en om u waarde te verifieer, kontak **Potchefstroom:** Mev Jo-Adri Ashwell, 018 299 5018, Jo-AdriA@ibmarks.gov.za of **Ventersdorp:** Mev Marianna de Villiers, 018 264 8595, mariannadv@jbmarks.gov.za

COGTA and NWU Graduate Programme Drives Professionalisation



Mahikeng

The Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) and North West University (NWU), has concluded a three-year internship programme that has successfully placed 100 graduates across 22 municipalities in the North West Province.

The programme, which commenced on 03 July 2023, was celebrated during a Certification Ceremony held at the NWU Potchefstroom Campus on Tuesday, 18 August 2026. The initiative forms part of government's broader commitment to address youth unemployment through workplace-based learning. Addressing the ceremony, Head of Department (HOD) Dr Ben

Bole highlighted the programme's success in providing "valuable workplace skills and experience." The initiative was designed to transition graduates from higher education into the workforce, equipping them with the practical experience necessary for sustainable employment.

The programme covered graduates from various disciplines, including Commerce, Financial Management, Public Administration, Built Environment, Information Technology, and Environmental Sciences. North West University Vice Chancellor, Professor Bismark Tyobeka, commended the municipalities for providing mentorship to the interns. He emphasized that supervision is vital to the success of such

programmes. "Internship without mentorship can become a mere placement. Your investment transformed placement into learning, professional formation and for some a pathway into sustainable employment," said Professor Tyobeka.

Dr Bole reiterated that the programme directly responds to the vision of the National Development Plan (NDP) to build a capable, ethical, and developmental state. He stated that the initiative aligns with the Provincial Growth and Development Strategy (PGDS), which prioritises economic growth, infrastructure development, employment creation, and social development. Furthermore, the programme supports the National Youth Policy and the government's urgent response to rising unemployment rates. The department has reported tangible results from the programme with graduates securing permanent employment.

"I am pleased to report that 19 interns have secured permanent employment in both the public and public sectors. Some have been permanently absorbed within municipalities". "This demonstrates that the programme has achieved its objective of transitioning graduates from learning to earning and building the internal capacity of various institutions" added Dr Bole. Department of COGTA has committed to expanding these initiatives by enrolling more interns in line with the Professionalization Framework to ensure a seamless pipeline from education to employment.



JB MARKS LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE DUE TO THE UPGRADING OF THE PROMOSA AND POORTJIEDAM BULK SEWER LINE

The JB Marks Local Municipality informs residents and motorists that, as part of the ongoing Upgrading of the Promosa and Poortjiedam Bulk Sewer Line project, temporary road closures will be required to facilitate construction works safely. A comprehensive risk assessment has identified existing services running parallel to the affected streets, including electrical cables, water pipelines, sewer pipelines and storm water infrastructure.

These services may be at risk of damage during excavation activities. To ensure the safety of pedestrians and motorists, as well as to prevent damage to existing infrastructure and property, a full road closure has been identified as the most appropriate and effective safety measure.

All temporary traffic-control measures, including barricades, warning signs and directional signage, will be implemented in accordance with the South African Road Traffic Signs Manual (SARTSM). Trained flag personnel will be deployed at key decision points during peak traffic periods. Road closure and diversion signage will be erected and maintained throughout the duration of the works. As part of the Municipality's environmental protection

measures, strict dust-suppression measures will be implemented, including the use of water trucks, to minimize dust and protect surrounding residents and road users.

ROAD CLOSURES

Residents and motorists are hereby notified that the following roads will be temporarily closed on the dates indicated below:

NO.	ROAD CLOSURE	PERIOD
1	Louis Le Grange Street	24 to 27 August 2026
2	Piet Bosman Street	7 to 11 September 2026
3	Hoffman Street	28 Sept to 7 Oct 2026
4	Peter Mokaba Street	12 to 21 October 2026

TRAFFIC DIVERSION MEASURES

1. Louis Le Grange Street
Closure period: 24 to 27 August 2026
To minimize disruption to residents and motorists in Potchefstroom, traffic will be diverted via **Jeppie Street** and **Fontein Street**.

2. Piet Bosman Street
Closure period: 7 to 11 September 2026

To minimize disruption to residents and motorists in Potchefstroom, traffic will be diverted via **Retief Street** and **Dwars Street**.

3. Hoffman Street
Closure period: 28 to 7 October 2026
To minimize disruption to residents and motorists in Potchefstroom, traffic will be diverted via **Maree Street** and the **R53**.

4. Peter Mokaba Street
Closure period: 12 to 21 October 2026
To minimize disruption to residents and motorists in Potchefstroom, traffic will be diverted via **Spruit Street** and the **R53**.

The JB Marks Local Municipality appreciates the patience and cooperation of residents, motorists and all affected road users during the construction period. Road users are urged to plan their journeys in advance, observe all temporary traffic signs and comply with the instructions of traffic control personnel.

The Municipality apologizes for any inconvenience caused and thanks the community for its continued support and cooperation while these essential infrastructure improvements are undertaken.



JB Marks Local Municipality Multisectoral Inspectorate Team Cracks Down Again on Non - Compliance



electricity connections, non-compliant business activities, and other regulatory violations.

In addition, Officials from the Fire Safety Section issued notices to 15 businesses. These findings highlighted the need for stronger enforcement measures, including the imposition of fines, the closure of non-compliant premises where warranted, and appropriate corrective action. The team also raised concerns regarding the status of foreign nationals found to be operating without the required documentation. Officials emphasized the importance of verifying compliance before allowing premises that had been closed during the inspection to reopen. Looking ahead, the debriefing emphasized the need for stronger coordination and continued participation by all relevant municipal departments and enforcement agencies, including Traffic Services, Municipal Health, Water, Electricity, Environmental Management, and Consumer Affairs.

During the inspectorate operation, a group of local transport operators involved in delivering goods purchased from shops also raised concerns about competition from foreign-owned businesses. They alleged that some operators were attracting customers by offering lower prices. The matter was noted for further consideration within the relevant regulatory and local economic-development frameworks. Overall, the inspectorate operation reinforced the importance of effective enforcement, improved interdepartmental coordination, consistent participation by all relevant Municipal Sections, and, most importantly, proper follow-through on issues identified during inspections.

The JB Marks Local Municipality Multisectoral Inspectorate Team remains committed to ensuring that businesses operate within the law and that compliance, public safety, public health, and fair business practices are upheld across the Municipality.

The JB Marks Local Municipality Multisectoral Inspectorate Team has intensified its enforcement efforts against non-compliant businesses following a successful compliance inspection conducted recently.

The operation targeted small-business operators, including hawkers, tuck-shop owners, and other informal businesses. The inspection was led by Mr Pitso Collen Mofokeng, Director of the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management at JB Marks Local Municipality. The operation was aimed at promoting compliance with municipal by-laws, health and safety regulations, business requirements, and other applicable legislation. The inspection team recorded several operational successes, including the detention of

approximately four foreign nationals for further verification of their documentation and compliance status. The operation also received strong support from the South African Police Service (SAPS) and various Municipal Departments and Units, including Traffic Services, Municipal Health Services, Electricity, Environmental Management, Local Economic and Rural Development, Building Control, Fire Safety, Communications, as well as Water and Sanitation.

During the debriefing session following the inspection, several compliance concerns were highlighted. Of particular concern was the finding that only one of the 12 premises inspected reportedly had a valid Certificate of Acceptability. The team also identified illegal water and

Likuena Technical Team Meets Pitso Mosimane



meeting between the Likuena technical team and renowned South African coach Pitso Mosimane earlier this week.

The LeFA delegation, which included Likuena head coach Bob Mafoso, assistant coach Motolo Makepe, fitness coach Mosa Moseneke and LeFA Media and Stakeholder Manager Mikia Kalati, paid a courtesy visit to Mosimane. The delegation was warmly received by Mosimane and representatives from MT Sports Marketing and Management, who represent the former Mamelodi Sundowns and Al Ahly coach.

According to LeFA, discussions centred on continental football, technical development and possible areas of collaboration between the association and the Pitso Mosimane Youth Football programme. The engagement forms part of LeFA's efforts to benchmark its football structures, gain technical knowledge and establish strategic partnerships aimed at advancing football development in Lesotho.

The association said the initiative is focused on both the national team and youth football, with the aim of creating opportunities that can contribute to the long-term growth of the sport in the country.

By Rorisang Rampheteng

Maseru

The Lesotho Football Association (LeFA) is exploring opportunities to strengthen football development in the country following a

Hon. Viola Ntsetsao Motsumi elected new speaker of the NW Provincial Legislature



Newly elected North West Provincial Legislature Speaker, Hon. Viola Ntsetsao Motsumi

The North West Provincial Legislature recently elected Hon. Viola Ntsetsao Motsumi as its new Speaker during a Special Sitting convened specifically for the election of a Speaker.

Hon. Motsumi becomes the eighth Speaker of the North West Provincial Legislature since the advent of democracy in 1994 and the first former Deputy Speaker of the Legislature to subsequently ascend to the position of Speaker. Delivering her maiden address following her election, Hon. Motsumi pledged to protect the dignity and constitutional authority of the Legislature, uphold the rights of Members and preside over the House fairly and impartially, irrespective of political affiliation. She placed strong emphasis on the Legislature's constitutional responsibility to exercise oversight and hold the Executive accountable, stressing that

robust oversight should not be regarded as hostility towards government. "Oversight is not hostility. Accountability is not an act of opposition. And scrutiny is not disrespect. A strong Legislature does not weaken government. A strong Legislature helps government govern better," Hon. Motsumi said.

She committed herself to creating an environment in which Members can ask difficult questions, disagree and engage in vigorous debate while respecting the Rules, the Constitution and the dignity of the House. Hon. Motsumi further emphasised the need for the Legislature to remain connected to the everyday realities of the people of the North West, including their concerns about employment opportunities, education, healthcare, roads, water, responsible use of public

resources and the delivery of government services. She said the Legislature must continue taking Parliament to the people and ensure that no citizen feels that the institution is distant from their daily struggles.

Reflecting on the responsibility entrusted to her, Hon. Motsumi said the Speaker's Chair does not belong to the individual occupying it, but to the institution and ultimately to the people. "The Speaker's Chair does not belong to the person who occupies it. It belongs to the institution. And the institution belongs to the people," she said. Hon. Motsumi pledged to pursue an institutional rather than personal legacy, with the objective of strengthening the Legislature and making it more democratic, accountable, accessible and effective. "I will seek to make this House larger than any one of us. More democratic. More accountable. More accessible. More effective. More worthy of the people of Bokone Bophirima," she said.

She concluded her maiden address by committing herself to serving the House with humility, protecting its dignity, upholding its Rules, defending its constitutional authority and ultimately leaving the institution stronger than she found it. Following the conclusion of the Special Sitting, Speaker Motsumi also presided over the swearing-in of Hon. Rosina Ntshetsana Komane as a new Member of the North West Provincial Legislature representing the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF), in accordance with Section 107 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996.

Hon. Komane fills the vacancy in the Legislature following the passing of the late Hon. Primrose Bogatsu last month.

Harties to host the 2026 NW Local & International Market Access

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The North-West Local and International Market Access Event, scheduled for 21–23 October 2026 in Hartbeespoort, will bring together government leaders, diplomatic missions, trade agencies, investors, development finance institutions, chambers of commerce, entrepreneurs and corporate executives to explore opportunities for trade, investment and collaboration.

The event aims to address unemployment and industrial diversification by creating opportunities for local businesses to showcase products and services to international buyers, engage policymakers, network with investors and trade agencies, and strengthen export readiness through workshops and forums. The three-day programme includes an International Day featuring a diplomatic tour hosted by The Alba and Harties Boat Company, followed by the launch of the North-West Wine Route at Hazon Vines Boutique Wine Estate. Market Day will feature the Into Africa Trade Conference, hosted by Afrivotiex, alongside the North-West Business Development Forum and NW MSME Night Market. The final day will feature a business breakfast, workshops and partner-led events.

The Into Africa Trade Conference will focus on unlocking intra-African trade under the AfCFTA, developing investment pipelines in manufacturing, agro-processing and services, and building continental value chains. MyArts International hopes the event will strengthen links between local MSMEs and international buyers and create partnerships across government, business and development finance institutions.

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MTN8 semifinals promise early-season heavyweight battles

By Rorisang Rampheteng

The MTN8 semifinals will pit four of South Africa's top-flight clubs against each other in a two-legged battle for a place in the final, with defending champions Orlando Pirates facing Sekhukhune United and Mamelodi Sundowns taking on Golden Arrows.

The semifinal ties get underway this weekend, with Sekhukhune hosting Pirates at 15:00 on Saturday, 22 August, before Sundowns welcome Golden Arrows at the same time on Sunday. The stakes are high for all four clubs, with the opening legs providing an opportunity to establish an advantage before the return fixtures the following weekend. Pirates will travel to face Sekhukhune knowing that a positive result away from home could put them in a strong position ahead of the second leg at home on Saturday, 29 August. Sekhukhune, meanwhile, will be determined to use home advantage to put pressure on the reigning champions and take a lead into the return fixture.

In the other semifinal, Sundowns will host Golden Arrows on Sunday, with the Pretoria-based side expected to target a strong first-leg result before travelling to face Arrows in the return fixture on Sunday, 30 August. For Golden Arrows, the challenge will be to contain Sundowns at home and remain within touching distance ahead of the decisive second leg. The two-legged format means neither semifinal will be decided this weekend, increasing the importance of managing the opening encounters and avoiding costly mistakes.

Pirates and Sekhukhune will meet again on 29 August, while Sundowns and Golden Arrows will settle the second leg a day later. With two of the country's biggest clubs, Pirates and Sundowns, among the contenders, the semifinals are expected to provide an early test of their ambitions for the season.

The two aggregate winners will advance to the MTN8 final and move one step closer to claiming the first major piece of silverware of the campaign.



Pirates red hot match-winner is expected to dazzle opponents

North West hosts SAMA32 to celebrate South African Music and Talent



Premier Lazarus Kagiso Mokgosi and MEC for Arts Culture Sports and Recreation Wessels Moroeng on the red carpet

By: Kealeboga Mothusi & Maboni Kgabi

Rustenburg

SunCity Superbowl once again became the centre stage of South African Music talent and excellence when the country's big names in music, entertainment and the creative industry made their way to the SAMA32 this past weekend.

SAMAs are the country's premier awards platform recognising excellence, innovation and achievement across the South African recording industry while celebrating the artists and creators who shape the nation's cultural identity and global influence. The event celebrated creativity, diversity and cultural excellence to define the country's entertainment scene hosted by Cassper Nyovest and Potelwa. The North West MEC for the Department of Arts, Culture, Sports and Recreation, Wessels Moroeng said the department was proud to be part of this major occasion which place the province at the heart of South Africa's music and creative industries.

Through our ongoing support for the Arts and Culture sector, we remain committed to create platforms that promote cultural expression and position North West as key destination for national events," said MEC Moroeng.

Friday was the official kick off with the Technical awards marking the beginning of the weekend dedicated to celebrating the exceptional talent in music. From the red carpet to the main award ceremony, the event reflected the energy and vibrancy of the industry that remains a vital part of the country's cultural identity.

SAMA32 also provided a platform both established and emerging artists whose work continues to shape South African Music. Ntsiki the Guitarist from the North West grabbed the attention of the audience with an impressive musical performance showcasing exceptional creative talent as well as Zawadi Yamungu and Paras "Sibalukhulu" Dlamini who added to the vibrant atmosphere with their performance. At the main ceremony, guests were treated to a well crafted production with performances by Stoan Seate performing multi artist opening

performance medley. CassperNyovest and Maglera performing, Makasana, Makhadzi singing, Seanamarena, Langa Mavuso performed the song "Ichose you". Tuks and Mo-Molemi delivered a special segment celebrating the legacy of Motswako Hip-Hop, song- Monate Twa, Focalistic, Mmabana Dance group and Christian Progressive College Production to mention a few that sealed the night.

North West Gospel artist, Busi Gadebegot her third SAMA trophy for the Best Traditional Faith Music Album. Di Bruin Gospel Project was also nominated but did not make it. It's founder and music producer, Brown Mosiapoasaid the choir might not have gotten the award but promised their fans inspirational music and hope to do more come SAMA33. "We put our trust in the Lord almighty. Our time will come and we trust his timing," added Mosiapo. Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to the founder of Kalawa Jazmee, the legendary Oskido, real name Bonginkosi Mdlongwa and recipient of Order of Ikhamanga by North West Premier Lazarus Kagiso Mokgosi for his immense contribution to the South African music. He dedicated his award to the likes of the late Lebo Mathosa, Trompies and many other musicians who departed this world indicating that the journey he travelled he was not alone.

Superstar, Tyler also received an International Achievement Award presented to her by media personality, Bonang Matheba for her extra ordinary impact she continues to make by putting South African music on the global stage. She is the second artist in history to join Black Coffee to win the International Achievement Award twice. When accepting the award, she generously invited fellow South African artists including Cassper Nyovest, Babalwa M, Makhadzi, Zee Nxumalo onto the stage to share her moment and called for a united Africa.

Recording Industries of South Africa (RiSA) congratulated the two artist for their remarkable contribution in ensuring that SA music remains alive even for future generations.

Women in media mentoring session inspires



Established women media professionals and aspiring journalists and communication students gathered in Pretoria last week for the annual Women in Media and Communication Speed Mentoring Session - an initiative aimed at equipping young women with the skills, confidence and knowledge needed to build successful careers in the media and communications industry.

Hosted by the Government Communication and Information System, in partnership with Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) at the GCIS Auditorium, the 2026 session brought together experienced practitioners and students for a day of mentorship, career guidance and frank conversations about the realities of working in a rapidly changing industry. Introduced in 2023, the annual initiative provides students with an opportunity to engage directly with professionals working across journalism, broadcasting, public relations and strategic communication. It also seeks to strengthen the pipeline of young women entering the media sector and encourage them to pursue leadership roles. During the session, mentors

shared personal accounts of their professional journeys, including the sacrifices, setbacks and achievements that shaped their careers. Their experiences offered students a realistic perspective on the opportunities and challenges associated with working in the media and communication environment. A strong message that emerged from the discussions was the need for resilience and adaptability. With technology continuing to transform the way news and information are produced and consumed, students were encouraged to embrace innovation, sharpen their storytelling abilities and commit to lifelong learning.

Mentors also stressed that technical skills must be matched by strong ethical principles. Students were reminded of the importance of accuracy, truthfulness, professionalism, integrity and accountability, particularly when reporting on issues that affect communities and society. The speed mentoring format was one of the highlights of the programme. Students rotated between small-group discussions with different mentors, allowing them to explore a range of media

disciplines and ask questions about career development, workplace expectations and the practical realities of entering the profession. The interactive format also created an open environment in which participants could speak candidly about their career aspirations and challenges while receiving advice from professionals who had navigated similar experiences.

Another key theme was the importance of women supporting one another in the media industry. Mentors encouraged participants to build strong professional networks, collaborate with other women and celebrate one another's achievements. They emphasised that meaningful transformation requires established professionals to create opportunities for those coming behind them and to contribute to a more inclusive and supportive media environment. The responsible use of digital platforms also featured prominently in the discussions. Students were encouraged to use social media constructively by sharing positive stories, challenging harmful stereotypes and promoting respectful public engagement.

Mentors cautioned aspiring media professionals against using digital platforms to mock, demean or undermine others, particularly in sensitive situations. They emphasised that media practitioners have a responsibility to contribute positively and ethically to public discourse, regardless of the platform they use. The session concluded with a call for students to approach careers in media and communication with confidence, determination and purpose. Through mentorship, knowledge-sharing and practical career guidance, the initiative is helping to develop a new generation of ethical, resilient and empowered women professionals who can contribute meaningfully to South Africa's evolving media and communication landscape.

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Cheetahs face Boland Cavaliers in Currie Cup

By Rorisang Rampheteng

Bloemfontein

The Toyota Cheetahs will return to Toyota Stadium on Sunday, 23 August, when they host the Boland Cavaliers in a Currie Cup encounter scheduled for a 15:00 kick-off.

The Bloemfontein side will be looking to make home

advantage count as they continue their Currie Cup campaign, with the Cavaliers expected to provide a competitive test at Toyota Stadium.

The fixture is set to give supporters another opportunity to watch the Cheetahs in action on home soil, with the team aiming to produce a strong performance in front of the Bloemfontein

crowd. The match forms part of a busy rugby weekend at Toyota Stadium, with supporters encouraged to attend the fixture and back the home side.

The encounter will also feature entertainment, with the poster advertising a performance by Rudo Schwim on the Castle Deck. Kick-off is scheduled for 15:00 on Sunday, with tickets available through Ticketpro.

Nkabinde Issues Rallying Cry Ahead of NWU Eagles' Historic Opener

By Glen Mkwakwe

Potchefstroom

NWU FC Assistant Coach Lindani Nkabinde has called on students of the North-West University Potchefstroom Campus and the broader football fraternity to pack the Fanie Du Toit Sports Ground on Saturday, 22 August 2026. The NWU Eagles host Upington City at 15h00 in what will be their first ever match in the Motsepe Foundation Championship.

For the newcomers, it will be more than just three points on offer. Nkabinde says the team is eager to lay down a marker for what promises to be an exciting season for the Purple Army. Upington City will provide a stern test. Bafana Ba Gucci finished 7th in the 2025/26 season, narrowly missing out on the promotion playoffs. "This is more than just another football match, it is an opportunity for us to represent our campus and everyone who has been supporting the team," said Nkabinde.

"We have worked very hard in preseason building up to this opening match. We feel we are ready to give everything on the field. The players are ready, the supporters too.

"The clash also pits two of the division's bright young coaches against each other — NWU FC's Nkululeko Malgas and Upington City's Thulani Nkosi. NWU will host its home matches in Potchefstroom for the first half of the season while upgrades continue at the Mahikeng Campus Sports Ground.

AUGUST FIXTURES

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POTCHEFSTROOM

UPINGTON CITY FC

22 AUGUST - 15H00



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29 AUGUST - 15H00



DOBSONVILLE STADIUM

EDGAR LEGOALE FOUNDATION PRESENTS

SAT 26 SEP '26

NGWATHE Spring EXPERIENCE MUSIC FESTIVAL

PERFORMANCES BY
SJAVA NASTY C KWESTA MAHWOG RUSSELL ZUMA SHANDESH THEBE SANNERE
SCOTTS MAPHUMA LEEMCKRAZY NTATE STUNNA HEMUSTBEFABULOUS
MASEDI LEGOODY & FANTAS THE DJ TRILL KAY LITCHYLEE MANY MORE
SOMIZI MSHEPEPE WASE VAAL BA2CADA

GENERAL ACCESS	EARLY BIRD R150 15 MAY - 01 JUN	PRE-SALE R200 02 JUN - 01 JUL	PHASE 1 R350 02 JUL - 01 SEP	PHASE 2 R450 02 SEP - 26 SEP	GENERAL TICKET R500 AT THE GATE	COOLERBOX R100 COMPUTICKET	COOLERBOX R150 AT THE GATE
AVAILABLE AT  SHOPRITE Checkers							
VIP	EARLY BIRD R500 15 MAY - 01 JUN	PRE-SALE R600 02 JUN - 01 JUL	VIP NORMAL R750 02 JUL - 19 SEP	VIP NORMAL R1000 AT THE GATE	COOLERBOX R100 15 MAY - 19 SEP	COOLERBOX R150 AT THE GATE	
VVIP	TABLE PACKAGE R4K 4 PEOPLE	TABLE PACKAGE R8K 8 PEOPLE	INDIVIDUAL R1.5K 1 PERSON	NO COOLERBOX ALLOWED			

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