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Message from the Executive Mayor

As we adopted the budget for 2019/20 at the May Council meeting, it has become abundantly clear that we must continue to enforce accountability related to spending in all aspects of the budget. We must continue to hold people accountable for their expenditure to ensure that it is in line with the available funds.

After all, regular monitoring of the budget will enable us to react promptly and adjust if any changes are required in order to ensure continuity of programs and ultimately service delivery.

As the policy makers of our institutions we must be mindful of the overall direction of our municipalities. It is therefore crucial that we as council members remain vigilant and guard how the money that we are provided with is used to better the lives of our communities.

As we close the books on the 2018/19 financial year it is my sincerest wish that we

never lose sight of our responsibilities and provide the necessary oversight required for our municipalities to deliver on their respective mandates.

We can start doing that by making sure that all section 80

committee meetings are sitting as scheduled and that the work proceed without fail.

As the district municipality we have been blessed that the committees, on average, do sit regularly, but we can always improve.

I therefore hope that the local municipalities emulate this and that councillors become jealous when they see the other municipalities doing better than their own.

We must take pride in our work and do it with joy in our hearts, because we are doing it for the people who have elected us to office.



The Executive Mayor
Mr P Marekwa



The Executive Mayor, Cllr. Patrick Marekwa, delivering the budget speech to the Council sitting on 29 May 2019. **Read more on the budget on PAGE 3.**



From the Municipal Manager's Desk

We have just closed the financial year 2018/19. It has not been an easy financial year for us, as we were only able to complete around 80% of the projects and programmes that we set for ourselves in the service delivery and budget implementation plan (SDBIP).

Those projects that we could not complete during the financial year have been rolled over to the 2019/20 budget and we have already put corrective measures in place to complete outstanding work. This includes the co-ordination of all our limited resources for efficiency (financial and technical).

Council has adopted the reviewed IDP for 2018/19 and planning for 2019/20, and this will assist us to implement our mandate for the new financial year.

We have put systems in place already for the audit period, and intend to progress to a clean audit. This task is doable and is within reach. We intend to ensure that we account to the public as expected.

Our local municipalities are still faced with many challenges and it is a reality that we cannot overlook,

but we will continue to support them both with technical as well as financial assistance.

The recent protests in our district also challenges us to step up our support to our local municipalities.

It will not be an easy task as some of our municipalities are still burdened with huge debts of Eskom and water boards, and challenges in maintaining water and waste water infrastructure and general maintenance of equipment.

We wish to work closely with all organs of state and our community to improve the lives of our people. We appreciate your support.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue of the Re Bua Mmogo.

Stay blessed.



**Municipal Manager
Ms Mamikie Bogatsu**

THE NEW PROVINCIAL CABINET OF THE NORTHERN CAPE IS AS FOLLOWS:

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Upcoming events calendar

Dates	Event Name	Contact Details	Venue
JULY			
5 Jul 2019	State of the Province Address	Contact: Carmen Gopane; email: cgopane@ncpg.gov.za; tel: 053 - 839 8000	Mittah Seperepere Convention Centre
AUGUST			
1 - 2 Aug	Nocci Business Expo	Contact: Beverley; Tel: 053 831 1081	Mittah Seperepere Convention Centre
Aug - Oct 2019	Tourism clean-up campaigns	Contact: Joh-né, tel: 053 838 0923 Email: joh-ne.jansen@fbdm.co.za	Frances Baard District
SEPTEMBER			
6 - 7 Sept 2019	Small business Week Expo	Contact: Lesego Ngwira; Tel: 053 838 0939; Email: lesego.ngwira@fbdm.co.za	Kimberley
18 - 21 Sept 2019	Waste Khoro	Contact: Department of Environment & Nature Conservation (NC); Ms D Kgosi Cel: 082 5252 3332; e-mail: dkgosi@ncpg.gov.za	Kimberley
26 - 27 Sept 2019	2019 World Environmental Health Day commemoration	Contact: Environmental Health Unit at FBDM Tel: 053 - 838 0911; e-mail: kenneth.lucas@fbdm.co.za	Kimberley

Overview of the FBDM budget for 2019/20

The total budget for the 2019/20 financial year is R 152,3m. The operational budget is R 148,8m, whereas the capital budget amounts to R 3,5m.

On 29 May 2019 the district municipality adopted the budget for the 2019/20 financial year.

According to the Executive Mayor, Cllr. Patrick Marekwa, in his budget speech, the municipality identified the packaging of investment opportunities that focuses on promoting investment and business opportunities. “We will continue with the development of an inclusive economy through the emerging farmer development and women empowerment programmes,” he said.

He highlighted that the FBDM is one of the district municipalities in the country that was identified as a beneficiary of the rural road asset management system grant to assist and support the management of rural roads through the development of a Rural Road Assets Management System. “The project will yield socio-economic benefits by way of skills development and creation of job opportunities,” he stated.

The Executive Mayor also stressed the importance of the shared service programme and how the district municipality continues to provide support to its local municipalities with capacity constraints, amongst others, in the preparation of annual financial statements and development of audit improvement plans.

Activities implemented in the 2018/19 financial year

- Local disaster advisory forums were established and are meant to assist local municipalities to prepare for known risk and to implement disaster risk reduction programmes.

- The district municipality continues to assist the three local municipalities in the annual review of their Human Settlements Sector Plans and the Chapters for their IDP’s.
- The rural road assets management system (RRAMS) is intended to be operational at the end of the 2018/19 financial year and the municipality has appointed a service provider to oversee the development and implementation of the project for the next three years.
- Through the extended public works programme (EPWP) the municipality managed to create 102 temporary jobs.

The target for 2019/20 is to create 100 job opportunities.

- The municipality is currently reviewing the Environmental Management Framework, which is intended to proactively identify areas of potential conflict between development proposals and critical/sensitive environments.

- The district planning tribunal which was established in 2016 is operating effectively and is convening monthly meetings, development applications received

from local municipalities. The land-use schemes for Dikgatlong and Phokwane local municipalities were gazetted.

- A land-use survey project for Phokwane Local Municipality was completed and is meant to improve the billing system and recording of assets of the municipality.

“Municipalities in the district depend mainly on grant funding for infrastructure provision.

With the recent draught water conservation and demand becomes a very import consideration. Water losses and non-revenue water are still very high in the local municipalities.

Although the District provides assistance with operation and maintenance (O&M) funding, management of the O&M still needs to improve.”

The budget

The budget for infrastructure development has increased by 42% as compared to the 2018/19 financial year.

For the 2019/20 financial year, the following allocations were made for operation and maintenance and infrastructure capital projects:

Municipality	Allocation	
	Operation and Maintenance (O&M)	Capital projects
Sol Plaatje	R2.5m	R2m
Dikgatlong	R2.5m	R2m
Magareng	R2.5m	R2m
Phokwane	R2.5m	R2m

For local economic development and tourism an amount of R4.4m and R1.9m has been allocated respectively.

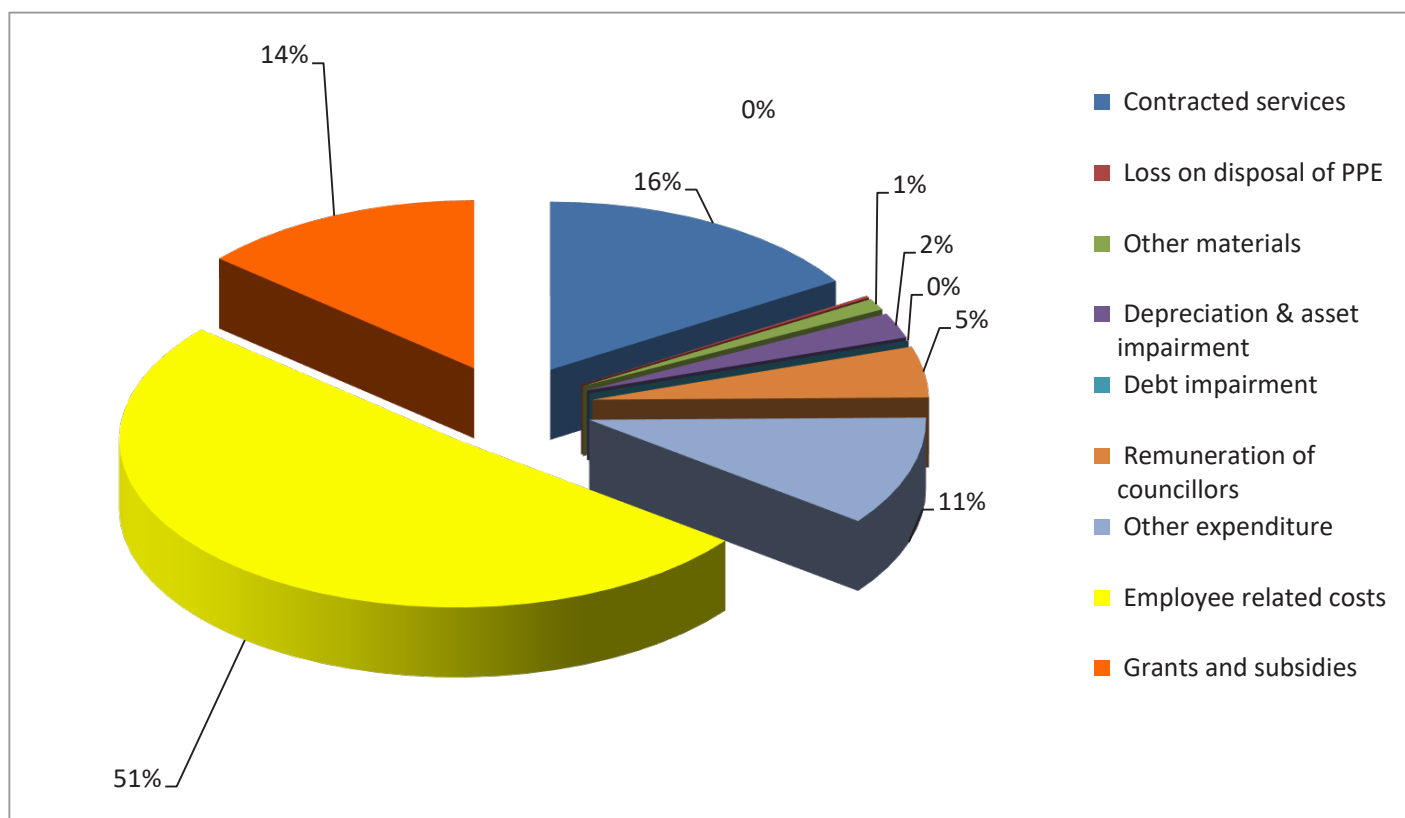
Grants

The major grant funding that the district municipality is receiving from national government is as follows:

- Equitable Share: R 120,60m;
- Finance Management Grant: R 1m;
- Rural Asset Management Grant: R2,67m;
- EPWP: R 1,27m; and
- Skills Grant: R 2,90m.

Operating Transfers and Grants	
National Government Grants for 2019/20 financial year - R125,89m	
Local Government Equitable Share	R10,23m
Levy replacement	R110,37m
Finance Management	R1m
Expanded Public Works Programme	R1,27m
Roads asset management	R2,67m
Provincial Government Grants - R 246,000	
Near Grant	R 246,000
Other grant providers – R 2,90m	
Seta Skills Grant	R 2,90m

Main categories of expenditure



Overview of the 2019/20 budget for local municipalities

SOL PLAATJE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY:

“The year in focus will indeed be the most challenging in the history of the city. Whilst the next cycle of the IDP will continue, we need to take an in-depth look at the resources at our disposal to try and improve on a very troubled year which was 2018/2019. Priorities should be looked at critically and those linked to income generating be placed on top of the pile.”

2019/20 projects highlights:

- The commissioning of the Riverton high lift pumps;
- The upgrading of the Gogga Pumpstation;
- The Galeshewe Storm water projects as well as the Lerato Park water and sewer linking projects;
- The Tlhageng Dam will be strengthened as a direct result of funding through the Neighbourhood Development Partnership Grant

Electricity tariffs

Tariff increases in 2018/19 was kept to minimum but is unlikely to be maintained as electricity tariffs will increase more depending on the outcome of Nersa decision on Eskom’s application for a higher tariff. The tariff increases for 2019/20 will be more than 2018/19 based on preliminary assumptions. Everything will be done to keep it affordable as possible. The tariffs will be inflation aligned where possible. Tariff increases for 2018/19 was in the main kept very low but the same scenario will not repeat itself in 2019/20 as a result of the scrapping of the basic charge which needs to be recovered. An increase is inevitable but we hope to keep it as low as possible. Electricity tariffs will obviously be determined on what the Nersa outcome is. It is assumed that the tariff increases will be above the prevailing inflation rate.

Budget Overview

- The total **operating expenditure budget** amounts to R2,194m for 2019/2020 financial year. Employee related costs equates to 35.13% of the total operating budget. This amounts to R770 966 000.00. The 2019/2020 cost of living increase as per SALGBC wage agreement of 7% was used when calculating the total employee costs.
- Bulk purchases of water and electricity with the total budget of R808 725 000.00. The estimates were based on the current demand and the projected growth in demand, and have taken into account the guidelines for price increases as informed by NERSA and Department

of Water and Sanitation. Costs of bulk are 36.86% of operating expenditure budget.

- Contracted services allocation is R51,605m which includes repairs and maintenance provisions and budgetary alignments as per mSCOA classification. This budget includes additional enhancements which were allocated to various directorates during the budget interactions internally.
- **Operating revenue:** Grants and subsidies made comprises of equitable share in the amount of R189, 15m for 2019/2020, R205,04m for 2020/2021 and R222,70m for 2021/2022. Operating revenue budget amounts to R2,203b for 2019/2020 financial year. Major revenue sources include the following:
 - Property rates - amounts to R578,65m and is mainly influenced by the general valuation (GV) 2019 outcome
 - Service charges – electricity revenue of R763,53m is projected and is based on the assumptions related to inflation as projected for 2019/2020 being 11.40% whilst water revenue is R286,04m (increase of 6.00%) and sanitation revenue in the amount of R69,52m (an increase of 6.50%), whilst refuse removal revenue of R53,90m has been projected. Refuse tariff increase amount to 7.50%. Transfers recognised amounts to R230,51m.
- The **capital budget** for 2019/2020 is R184,28m funded as per the table below. Capital grants and donations make up 85% of the total funding sources, and own funds contribute 15%. The municipal infrastructure grant (MIG) will be replaced by the integrated urban development grant (IUDG) for the 2019/2020 medium-term revenue and expenditure framework (MTREF) in pilot municipalities identified by National Treasury. Sol Plaatje Municipality has been identified as a recipient of this grant. It is foreseen that in future all grants will all be incorporated in the IUDG.

Tariffs	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Rates	6.00%	6.00%	8.18%	7.79%
Electricity	5.95%	11.40%	7.50%	5.22%
Water	5.90%	6.00%	5.93%	7.24%
Sewer and sanitation	5.95%	6.50%	6.11%	6.73%
Cleansing/Refuse collection	6.00%	7.50%	6.34%	5.89%
Average tariff increases/Municipal CPI	5.96%	8.36%	6.81%	6.57%

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PHOKWANE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY:

Description	Adjustment budget 2018/19	Draft budget 2019/20	Draft budget 2020/21	Draft budget 2021/22
R '000				
Total operating revenue	314,127	331,065	357,357	385,696
Total operating expenditure	310,529	324,973	347,612	371,941
Surplus / Deficit	3,599	6,092	9,746	13,755
Total capital expenditure	69,306	77,828	72,000	20,000

Main revenue sources

Revenue generated from rates and services charges forms a significant percentage of the revenue for the municipality. In the 2017/18 financial year, revenue from rates and services was R131 million. This increases to R174 million. This increase can be mainly attributed to the increased tariff rates for the sale of electricity, water, sewer, refuse and property rates. Operating grants and transfers totals R118 million in the 2019/20 financial year.

Tariffs

- Property rates tariff increases by 5.4%
- Water tariffs increases by 6% from R8.67 (0 - 6kl) to R9.19 for residential; commercial (0 - 6kl) increases from R13.24 to R14.03.
- Electricity tariffs increases by 6% on a basic charge from R137.95 to R146.22 for domestic conventional use. The same increase applies for domestic prepaid use.
- Sanitation tariffs increases by 5.4% for residential from R106.76 to R113.16.
- Refuse tariffs increases by 5.4% for residential from R65.04 to R68.94.

Operating expenditure

Operating expenditure increased by 4.65%. The main reason for these increases is due to:

- Employee related costs for the 2019/20 financial year is R109 million, which equals 35.54% of the total operating expenditure.
- Provision for debt impairment is way below the actual or accepted provision and will take years to achieve the accepted amount.
- Provision for depreciation and asset impairment was not allocated properly as the 2018/19 financial year annual financial statements are behind.
- Bulk purchases are directly informed by the purchase of electricity from Eskom and water from Sedibeng.
- Other expenditure comprises of various line items relating to the daily operations of the municipality. This

“Surpluses will be used to fund capital expenditure and to further ensure cash backing of reserves and funds. The capital budget for 2019/20 is 12,29% more when compared to the 2018/19 adjustment budget. The increase is informed by the backlogs in terms of service delivery which the municipality is trying to address.”

group of expenditure is an area in which cost savings and efficiencies can be achieved.

Free Basic Services

Provision is made in the 2019/2020 budget for the free basic services to the value of R 16 401 482 that consist of the following:

- Water: 6 Kilolitre per month for 4200 indigent households - R 2,374,530
- Sewerage: Free basic sanitation for 4200 indigent households per month - R6,128,294
- Refuse removal: Free refuse removal for 4200 indigent households per month -R2,255,990
- Electricity: 50 kWh per month for 4200 indigent households – R 5,642,668

Proposed capital projects for 2019/20

- Bulk water supply to Nkandla, Utlwanang and other new settlement
- Masakeng sewer pumpstation and related bulk out fall lines
- Guldenskat highmast lighting
- Upgrading of Hartswater WWTW
- Upgrading of Ganspan bulk water phase 2
- Refurbishment and upgrading of Jan Kempdorp bulk water supply
- Electrification of Utlwanang phase 2
- Bulk electricity and connections for Nkandla 501 stands, phase 1
- Electrification of Guldenskat 608 stands, phase 1

Overview of the 2019/20 budget for local municipalities

MAGARENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY:

“The operational revenue budget for 2019/2020 amounts to R143,77m including the capital grants and was compiled with the following increases on rates, tariffs and other revenue: 5.3% increase in water, sewerage and refuse; 6.84% increase in electricity.”

Operating expenditure

- Employee related costs amounts to R41,39m, as a result of new posts that was budgeted for.
- Bulk purchases consists of Eskom which amounts to R13,94m, which includes the arrangement of R328,000 on the outstanding Eskom debt.
- An amount of R14,06m was budgeted for in the previous financial year for Vaalharts water, but the municipality did not honour the payment. For this financial year we have entered into an arrangement to pay R200,000 per month; which will be R2,40m for the full year.
- Provision for bad debts is R23,36m. The provision for the 2019/2020 financial year has been increased considerably to provide for the writing-off of indigent debt. The basis for the increase used was all outstanding debts as of 30 March 2019, that has been outstanding for more than 90 days.

Revenue from property rates and service charges

Property Rates	R 9,42m
Service charges: Electricity	R 17,22m
Service charges: Water	R 8,75m
Service charges: Sanitation	R 5,98m
Service charges: Refuse	R 5,35m
Rent of facilities and equipment	R 50,000
Interest earned - external investment	R 635,838
Interest earned - outstanding debtors	R 11,12m
Fines, penalties and forfeits	R 2,05m
Licences and permits	R 170,000
Transfers and subsidies	R 53,23m
Other Revenue	R 155,000
Total	R 114,19m

Repairs and maintenance

An amount of R4,59m was budgeted with an additional R2,50m which we will be receiving from the Frances Baard District Municipality.

Grants for 2019/20

The allocations of the municipal grants are allocated as per DoRA.

Provision of free basic services to indigent households amounts to R23,35m for the 2019/2020 financial year which is made up of the following services.

- Water: R 5,08m
- Electricity: R6,96m
- Sanitation: R6,24m
- Refuse: R5,08m

Operating Grants	Amount
Equitable Share	R 46,34m
Financial Management Grant	R 2,44m
EPWP	R 1m
Library Grant	R 950,000
Total	R 50,73m
Capital Grants	Amount
Municipal Infrastructure Grant	R 28,16m
INEP	R1,50m
Total	R 29,66m

Key projects for FBDM in 2018/19

Project description	Background & implementation
Magareng and Phokwane infill	Frances Baard District Municipality is assisting Magareng and Phokwane local municipalities with infill development. The project involves the subdivision, rezoning, cadastral survey, submission of the motivational memorandum to the District Municipal Planning Tribunal and submission of the sub-divisional plans to the Surveyor-General for approval. Layout plans for both areas have been amended and presented to the respective municipality. The environmental exemption for the Magareng area has been received. Appointment of the environmental specialist completed and the environmental basic assessment for Phokwane is underway, to be completed in 2019/20.
Ganspan project	The formally known Ganspan Waterfowl Nature Reserve hosts a variety of birds, fish and plant species. This project involves the development and upgrading of infrastructure on the banks close to Ganspan Pan to restore the area as a safe, attractive and durable tourism attraction. In 2016/17 financial year a business plan was developed for the upgrading of the pan. In 2017/18 a biodiversity and geotechnical study was conducted and in 2018/19 the environmental impact assessment was completed. FBDM facilitated the appointment of 65 EPWP beneficiaries for 3 months for the cleaning and clearing of Ganspan-Pan
RRAMS	The National Department of Transport identified 44 rural district municipalities in the country as beneficiaries of their rural road asset management system grant to assist and support the management of rural roads through the development of a Rural Road Assets Management System (RRAMS). Municipalities who received the grant must setup a rural roads assets management system and collect rural data in line with the Road Infrastructure Strategic Framework for South Africa (RISFSA). The project will yield socio-economic benefits by way of skills development and creation of job opportunities. A contractor has been appointed to implement the project for 3 years, ending 2021.
O&M projects	The district municipality provided funding to the 4 local municipalities for operation and maintenance (O&M). Each local municipality received an amount of R1,75m respectively. Expenditure on O&M was as follows: Dikgatlong - R422,120 on repair to pumps and electrical; Magareng – R1,626,297 for electrification and water and sewer pumps; Phokwane – R421, 974 for water and sewer pumps and Sol Plaatje – R1,383,062 for sanitation at Platfontein and streets and stormwater in Ritchie.
Extended Public Works Programme (EPWP)	The programme involves creating temporary work opportunities for unemployed persons and was allocated R1,12m for the 2018/19 financial year. In 2018/19 the target for creation of job opportunities was set at 240 of which 102 temporary jobs were created.
Environmental Management Framework (EMF)	The district municipality reviewed the EMF which was developed in 2010. It is an environmental planning tool and intended to proactively identify areas of potential conflict between development proposals and critical/sensitive environments
Local Municipal Disaster Management Advisory Forum (LMDMAF)	The advisory fora were established as per the Disaster Management Act (57 of 2002). The forums consist of municipal officials, councillors, sector departments and farmers unions. The purpose of the forum is to assist local municipalities to prepare for known risk and to implement disaster risk reduction programmes.
SMME development	The municipality identified the need to provide skills training to SMMEs to enable them to be innovative, strategic and manage the daily activities of their business. The business management training was aimed at emerging entrepreneurs or SMMEs that have been in operation for 6 months to 3 years. Fifteen (15) SMMEs were studying towards a higher certificate in management NQF 5 in 2018/19, whilst 10 worked towards a Diploma in management technology and innovation NQF 6.
Emerging farmer development	The Frances Baard Agri-Park business plan identified the need to improve the agriculture value chain through primary farmers development, agro-processing and strengthening the distribution or markets penetration. The district faces challenges of lack of commercial farmers amongst the previously disadvantaged communities and poor utilisation of the land acquired through the land re-distribution programme. The slow development of emerging farmers in the district has negatively impacted on the contribution of the agricultural sector to job creation and local economic development. Fifteen (15) emerging farmers have been trained on how to manage a farm.
Youth Entrepreneurial Development Program (YEDP)	Through the YEDP five graduates were seconded to local municipalities to give hands-on support.

Operation clean-up to improve tourism in the district

The Frances Baard District Municipality (FBDM) in collaboration with Dikgatlong local municipality, Department of Environment & Nature Conservation (DENC) and the NGO Live, Love, Believe embarked on a clean-up campaign on 21 February 2019 in Barkly West.



Cllr. Mokgatlanyane, far right, with the team at the assembly of the last bin. The FBDM team was joined by officials from the Dikgatlong local municipality, local business owners, representatives of Live, Love, Believe and DENC.

The FBDM strives to change the perception and behaviour of the local community towards tourism and its benefits to our towns.

The clean-up campaign has been identified as one way of creating awareness around the importance of keeping our towns clean and visitor-friendly.

The NPO Live, Love, Believe joined the FBDM and Dikgatlong team in cleaning waste from the streets of the central business district of the town. Local businesses were also invited to add their names on refuse bins that were placed all along the main road through town; as a means of giving them free publicity. A total of eight (8) bins were placed.

Cllr Mokgatlanyane, a member of the mayoral committee at the district municipality, who represented the executive mayor at the event, commended the team for this initiative as it has the potential to boost the local economy and to raise awareness on the importance of keeping our environment clean. Clean towns create a more conducive environment for leisure and investment opportunities. Apart from the event in Barkly West the FBDM have also cleaned up additional areas throughout the district. Focus areas were along the tourism attractions and entries to our towns.

The campaign is part of nature conservation and a way of encouraging local communities to keep their towns clean and thereby enticing visitors to visit again. This will then contribute towards the local economy and tourism development.



The teams installed dustbins in the CBD area of Barkly West (above) and the names of local businesses were painted on the bins (below).



Tourism Indaba 2019

“The travel Indaba took place from 02-04 May 2019 at the Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre, Durban. Minister of Tourism, Derek Hanekom, in his opening of Africa’s Travel Indaba 2019 asked the audience if the continent was ready to invite 21 million international tourists by 2030. His own response to the question was a resounding yes.”

Frances Baard District Municipality attended the expo with the intention to market regional tourism products and services at this international marketing event and to position the district as a preferred tourism destination to international and domestic tourists.

“Over 1,000 exhibitors and 1,500 buyers visited the event.

The World Tourism Organisation predicted that 1.8 billion people will be travelling globally by 2030, and that Africa will increase its share from 5% to 7% of all global arrivals. This would be 126 million arrivals; almost double the current numbers.”

The municipality’s exhibition stand accommodated products and representatives from the Dikgatlong, Phokwane, Magareng and Sol Plaatje local municipalities.

Products featuring on the stand included handmade leather crafts, accommodation establishments, bead work and local tour packages and district information packages.

The stand welcomed tour operators, media and exhibitors enquiring on the various products on offer. Each local municipality present had an opportunity to liaise and promote their products and afforded potential visitors an opportunity to complete a visitor register.

Enquiries related to developed routes within the district, tour packages, tourism products and graded establishments in general.

There were daily stand draws which afforded exhibitors visiting the stand an opportunity to win prizes comprising of local products.

The municipality also took advantage of the opportunity to liaise with other exhibitors, to learn from best practices, market trends and promotional products.



Visitors to the stand looking at the products on offer.

Special feature: Focussing on SMMEs in the district



Touch Let's Go is a registered BBB-EE status level company, founded by Serurubele "Comet" Motimela. The company identified travel and tourism as one of the required source or sector for job creation through acquiring qualified drivers, tour guides, hosts and hostesses. The company intend to expand its market by pursuing national projects and explore the international market through partnerships.

WHY TOUCH LETS GO TOURISM?

- Increase your production while we take care of your travelling and tour arrangement plus accommodation and related services.
- Curb costs by avoiding convoys and usage of multiple vehicles to satisfy one course, thereby reducing the risk of accidents.
- Turnaround time – we always work around the clock to reach client satisfaction within the given time frame.

TARGET MARKET SEGMENTS

Corporate companies ■ International travellers ■ Hotels and airport services ■ Flight & Accommodation bookings ■ Restaurant ■ Local Travel Agency ■ Event Management Agency ■ Government/Companies ■ Cruises

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Tour and event management: - Touch Let's Go has the creative ability to develop a top notch package for all our corporate clients and stakeholders

Tours and meetings: - At Touch Let's Go, we do not sanction client's orders and request based on size ... we serve all markets across different spheres

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OUR TOURS: Event Tours; Family & Kids Tours; Private Group Tours






PAST EVENTS TOURS



COMING EVENT TOUR



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Editorial Note

This issue is dedicated almost solely towards the new budget for 2019/20. We decided that because the budget is such an important tool, as it allows us to plan, coordinate and control how we spend the allocated funds to our disposal, we need to highlight it to the readers.

Hence, we have allocated space to our local municipalities to give our readers an insight into how these municipalities will be spending the allocated budget. Especially looking at tariff increases on electricity, water and basic services.

We have also dedicated a page to carry a special feature on SMMEs in the district. On this page we will be highlighting their products and services, to give them an opportunity to create awareness around their businesses. In this way we provide them with a platform to market what they have to offer, free of charge.

We have also included a poster of the new cabinet, recently announced by the President of South Africa, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, on the adjacent column, to help readers identify who is in charge of which portfolio, and we sincerely hope that this is useful to our readers.

As always, we invite you to tell us what you have enjoyed reading about and give us feedback on the stories we carry in this publication.

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