



# KGATELOPELE **NEW DAWN** QUARTER 1



**Pg. Kgatelopele Women Says No  
Drugs**

**MAKE YOUR  
VOICE HEARD.  
EXERCISE YOUR  
RIGHT TO VOTE.**

**MAKE IT COUNT**



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## MAYOR'S FOREWORD



Dear Residents

Can you believe how fast time flies?

We are a few months away from the end of the year. We are grateful and blessed to have made it this far through the year, considering the huge losses that so many people have had to go through due to the COVID pandemic.

The Constitutional Court has ruled and I am pleased to inform you that the local elections will continue on November 1, 2021. I strongly encourage you to go and vote. In light of the elections ahead our term as council is coming to an end.

Kgatelopele Municipal Council thanks the community for the trust that you put in the Council to them to be able to serve during this term. The Council also expresses its appreciation out to all the dedicated municipal staff. Without these staff we could not have succeeded.

On the 01st of July 2019 a mayoral cleaning campaign was launched whereby thirty four (34) local residents were employed. It is my upmost pleasure to end off our term with a second phase of the mayoral cleaning campaign that will employ twenty (20) local residents.

During quarter 1 it was my upmost pleasure to lead the Kgatelopele women in a march against drugs.

With the festive season ahead of us and the appointment of a new captain at the Danielskuil police station we are hopeful that crime will be curbed in our area.

Please stay safe and take care of each other.

**Hon. Mayor Cllr René Losper**



## MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER

***A very warm greetings to all KLM communities.***

I am thankful for the opportunity be part of the Kgatelopele community. I am hopeful that my period will leave a positive impact on the fortunes of the municipality and the capacity to deliver quality services to the entire Kgatelopele. The council, municipal staff and residents gave me a warm welcome and I will do my outmost best to tackle the challenges confronting the municipality during my period.

In the past quarter the municipality has been experiencing a high volume incidences of theft and vandalism on the municipal infrastructure which had a negative effect on the turnaround time of our service delivery. We need the helping hands of the community to curb this vandalism to ensure that our infrastructure is at its best.

Elections are a cornerstone of democracy. Once every five years councillors are elected by the people they are meant to serve. In light of the upcoming elections it is key for our residents to go out in numbers to cast their votes for the people that they want to lead them.

Adjusted alert level 1 is in place from 1 October 2021. Residents must continue to adhere to the level 1 regulations as per the Disaster Management Act Regulations.

Please stay safe and enjoy the read!

Mr Alfred Tieties  
Acting Municipal Manager

# NATIONAL ARBOR MONTH ACTIVITIES

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On 8 September 2021 the Kgatelopele waste unit kicked off National Arbor month by planting and giving out trees at local schools, the police station, business and in the community under the theme ***“Forest Restoration: A path to recovery and well-being”***.



Photo: Olebogeng Medupe  
From Left: Waste supervisor Magrieta Davids handing over a tree to a local police official.

The theme is adopted from the United Nations Collaborative Partnership on Forests and is similar to President Cyril Ramaphosa’s call for the planting of ten million trees, for the next five years in South Africa.

The aim is to promote tree planting for restoration and rehabilitation, creation of sustainable settlements by adding greenery and creation of biodiversity around our residential settlements.



From Left: Lorraine Abrahams and Katriena Freeman

“National Arbor month is my favourite time of the year. I see new trees as a symbol of new life and hope for a better and clean environment” says Mrs Magrieta Davids.

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# KGATELOPELE WOMEN SAYS NO TO DRUGS



On 26 August 2021 the Kgatelopele stakeholders had a March to the police station against crime caused by alcohol and drug abuse in the Danielskuil community and also to pay tribute to the more than 20 000 women who marched to the Union Buildings on 9 August 1956 in protest against the extension of Pass Laws to women. A system meant to control women even further and reduce women to passive beings, at the mercy of men.



Hon. Mayor Cllr René Losper leading the march with the local stakeholders.



“Women of Kgatelopele show courage don’t stand back, we are here for each other together we will beat this thing called drugs that is tearing our families apart” says Mayor Losper.

# KGATELOPELE GETS A NEW CAPTAIN



**Captain GJF MOUTON** has taken over the reins as the Station Commander at Danielskuil Police station from 01 October 2021, Capt. Mouton is a career driven officer and has more than 32 years of experience in the police.

On 29 September 2021 Hon. Cllr René Losper welcomed the newly appointed Captain to the Danielskuil community.



Mayor René Losper with members of the Police welcoming Captain Mouton.

“The community is tired of the illegal activities in our area. I am hopeful that the new captain will decrease the crime rate in the area. The women of Kgatelopele is tired to the extent that they willing to take everything into their own hands” said Mayor Losper.

The devoted officer, who started his profession in the late 1989, assured the Mayor that he is here solely for fighting crime and he is prepared to work around the clock to curb crime in Danielskuil.

“I have an open door policy and have always been a believer that one cannot police without the community’s involvement” said Captain Mouton.

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**Captain GJF. Mouton**





# RIGHT TO THE CITY

## KGATELOPELE MAYOR SET THE EXAMPLE

In an effort to increase environmental awareness, the mayor of Kgatelopele municipality has embarked on a second phase clean-up campaign.

It is with the “Right to the city” in mind that the “Kgatelopele Cleaning Campaign” was initiated through the Office of the Mayor in July 2019.



On 29 September 2021 the Hon. Mayor Cllr René Losper launched a second phase of the cleaning campaign as part of the Right to City campaign. Twenty local residents will be employed through the programme

### Right to the city

The Right to the City movement started after the French Sociologist, Henri Lefebvre, published his book ‘Le droit à la ville’ in 1968 in which he convinced communities worldwide to take ownership of their community.

The Right to the City campaign is not an individual right or view, but a social utopia and a collective view and participation in a movement to make the world a better place.

Everything starts with citizens' thinking and view. In his book Lefebvre emphasises the destructive effect of capitalism on any society. Lefebvre made a call in his book to citizens

worldwide to transform their environment in places of progress. After the publication of his book in the late 60s, several movements worldwide shared his vision to re-own and uplift their communities. However, in Kgatelopele all eyes are on local government to clean the street.

“Residents must ensure high levels of cleanliness and clean streets, as it is their responsibility to throw their trash in bins and not illegally dump waste on the side of the road or in open spaces. A clean Kgatelopele can lead us to economic development projects that will ensure economic growth” said Mayor Losper.

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# KGATELOPELE RESIDENTS RECEIVED OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY



“no one can take this property away”

On 05 October 2021. MEC Bentley Vass accompanied by his head of department, Mr Bafedile Lenkoe handed over 20 title deeds to house owners in the Kgatelopele jurisdiction. The handover forms part of the department's programme to address the backlog of title deeds in the province as well as restoring the dignity of our people by making them rightful

owners of their houses provided by government.

“Today's handover brings me immense joy and pride as this is for the first time these beneficiaries can call themselves fully fledged and legal homeowners. Recipients please keep your deeds safe as it is the only proof of evidence for ownership of your house,” said MEC B Vass.



From left: MEC Bentley Vass, Title Deed Recipient Mrs Mieta Olifant, Mayor Cllr René Losper and ZFM Executive Mayor Cllr P Mcgera

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Kgatelopele Mayor Councillor Renè Losper was delighted to have recipients of title deeds from the area as the handing over of title deeds is a big step for Daniëlskuil.

“I want to encourage all of you who are receiving your deeds today to make sure that you update your will or draw up one so that you have it in writing who you are passing this home onto when you are no longer here one day. Not having wills left by the deceased prolongs the process of issuing title deeds”, said Mayor Losper.

One of the beneficiaries Mr Hendrik Ruiters said he is happy that they received their title deeds.

“It has been a long time coming, having this title deed means that no one can take this property away from me and my family” said Mr. Ruiters.

The MEC remains confident that the backlog in title deeds will be dealt with and looks forward to handing out more title deeds in future.

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# THEFT AND VANDALISM OF MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE



Please note that; the municipality is currently experiencing a high volume incidences of theft and vandalism on the municipal infrastructure which has negative consequences on the ability of the municipality to provide sustainable and continuous services, to the Kgatelopele Community.

The municipal infrastructure is being targeted wherein metal bearing components are being targeted by vandals within the community for resale to scrap metal dealers at the expense of service delivery.

Communities are being inconvenienced and deprived of basic

services due to the continuous theft and vandalism that has been occurring at our water pumps in the last three months. When a water pump is vandalised the pump cannot pump enough water to our reservoir which lead to water interruptions.



Pictures supplied by the Kgatelopele Electrical Team

Electrical components that get stolen from our high mast lights is also a big concern.

Cables and pipes are critical components that ensure communities receive basic services. The damage and theft of the distribution equipment results in communities being without services for a prolonged periods.

The acts of theft and vandalism also have a negative impact on the economy of the municipality and its people. Business cannot operate due to service interruptions and experience huge financial losses during this downtimes.

The municipality is appealing to the citizens of Kgatelopele

to assist the municipality in reporting such incidences of theft and vandalism of its infrastructure which at the current rate has the potential to collapse the ability of the municipality to provide its communities with the necessary basic services.

The municipality is urging communities to

report any acts of theft of vandalism as a matter of urgency and all information related thereto will be treated with the strictest confidentiality.

A case has been opened at the local police station to catch the culprits of this act of vandalism.

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## MESSAGE OF SUPPORT TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN KGATELOPELE

We are saddened by the tragic deaths of our young people in the past few weeks. In the midst of depression, anxiety and the many other social illnesses that we have in our community. We want to encourage young people to seek help if they feel like losing hope.

If you have made mistakes, or if there are any issues that is pressing you into sadness, anxiety or depression there is always another chance for you. No matter how bad situations seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.

Many people don't realize that depression is treatable, and never reach out for support. And many people who die by suicide also have a mental or emotional disorder — depression being the most common. Other issues related to suicide are relationship problems, substance misuse, physical health problems, and other life stressors and events.

If you think someone you know might be considering suicide, don't wait until it's too late — talk to them about it and help them find support, and do your best to keep them safe.

### Know the warning signs for suicide

The best way to help prevent suicide is to know what to look for — and be prepared to intervene if you think someone may be in danger. Warning signs include:

- Talking about wanting to die
- Looking for a way to kill themselves
- Talking about feeling hopeless
- Talking about feeling trapped or in unbearable pain
- Talking about being a burden to others
- Increasing the use of alcohol or drugs
- Acting anxious or agitated, or behaving recklessly
- Sleeping too little or too much
- Withdrawing or isolating themselves
- Showing rage or talking about seeking revenge
- Having extreme mood swings

### 5 steps to help someone in crisis

1. **Ask the tough question.** When somebody you know is in emotional pain, ask them directly: “Are you thinking about killing yourself?”
2. **Keep them safe.** Ask if they know how they would do it, and separate them from anything they could use to hurt themselves. If you think they might be in immediate danger, call the [Lifeline](#).
3. **Be there and listen** to their reasons for feeling hopeless. Listen with compassion and empathy and without dismissing or judging.
4. **Help them connect** to a support system — whether it's family, friends, clergy, coaches, co-workers, a doctor, or a therapist — who they can reach out to for help.
5. **Follow up.** Reaching out to them in the days and weeks after a crisis can make a meaningful difference — and even help save their life.

### The following are useful numbers to assist with suicide prevention:

- a) SADAG Teen Suicide Crisis Line **0800 567 567** or **011 262 6396** or **SMS 31393**
- b) Child-line Toll-Free **0800 055 555**
- c) Lifeline WhatsApp **065 989 9238** or call **086 132 2322**
- d) South African Federation for MH WhatsApp helpline number **076 078 8722** and **011 781 1852** (office hours)

Hon. Mayor Cllr René Losper





## POPIA-ACT



The Protection of Personal Information Act, Act 4 of 2013 (POPIA) came into full effect on 01 July 2021.

The act is designed to protect how your data is used, stored and processed.

We want to assure you that Kgatelopele Local Municipality takes the privacy of our users and subscribers very seriously and would like your consent to keep sending SMS communications to you.

No action is required should you wish to stay on our SMS database, but if you would like to opt out or if residents wish to be put on the SMS database, please notify us by sending an e-mail to [communications@kgatelopele.gov.za](mailto:communications@kgatelopele.gov.za) or call us on 066 372 0390.



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