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## PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATORS FORUM



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The Provincial Government Communicators' Forum (PGCF) was held in Victor Khanye Local Municipality on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of April 2025. This forum brings together Heads of Communication from provincial departments, COGHSTA, public entities, GCIS, SALGA, and various districts.

PGCF plays a crucial role in shaping our communication strategy, acting as a detailed and expansive blueprint for our communication initiatives. It effectively steers our various departments and public entities, ensuring that all efforts are aligned and purposeful. This framework not only clarifies our goals but also fosters a cohesive approach to how we engage with our audience, facilitating clear and impactful communication across all levels of our organization.



The GCIS, as the custodian and coordinator of government communication, unveils its national communication strategy framework, a roadmap to inspire and engage.

- The presentation highlighted key elements, including:
  - A compelling background
  - A clear mandate
  - Strategic communication objectives
  - Celebrating 30 years of freedom and democracy
  - The current environment - capturing the mood of the nation
  - Insights into public perception and statistics
  - Building trust in government
  - Understanding the international perspective
  - Analyzing the current communication environment and media coverage
  - Addressing communication challenges
  - Crafting themes and messaging with the G20 summit approaching in November 2025
  - Aligning government communication with the MTDP
  - Initiating targeted MTDP communication campaigns
  - Upholding the principles of effective communication
  - Establishing a coordination structure and forums
  - Detailing components of the NCSF implementation plan
  - Emphasizing reporting, monitoring, and evaluation



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## STRATEGIC LEKGOTLA



Victor Khanye Local Municipality held 2 days of Strategic Lekgotla from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2025, an important planning session aimed at identifying the municipality's strengths and weaknesses to develop local development strategies.

The purpose of the Lekgotla is to further strategies on the first review of the five-year 2022/2023 financial year to the 2026/2027 financial year to ensure that it is responding to the needs of the local municipalities, communities, traditional leaders and accommodates changing circumstances.

Executive Mayor Cllr V. Buda emphasized the purpose of the meeting, highlighting key issues brought up by the community during the Mayoral Integrated Development Plan (IDP) outreach program.

The municipality's strategic planning process is guided by the Local Government Municipal Systems Act (MSA) and the Integrated Development Plan (IDP), which outlines the municipality's vision, goals, and objectives.

key focus areas for the municipality may include:

- Economic Development: Utilizing the district's rich mineral resources and strategic location along the Maputo corridor to foster economic growth and job creation.
- Service Delivery: Enhancing the delivery of basic services such as water, sanitation, and electricity to better meet the needs of the community.
- Public Participation: Improving communication and engagement with the community to ensure that their needs and concerns are addressed.
- Institutional Capacity: Strengthening the municipality's capacity to fulfill its mandate, including human resource development and financial management.

The outcomes of the Strategic Lekgotla are expected to inform the municipality's IDP and budget, ensuring that resources are allocated effectively to achieve its development goals.





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## STRATEGIC LEKGOTLA

The Municipal Manager, T. Mashabela, provided a detailed overview of the current state of Victor Khanye Local Municipality, covering several key areas:

- High-Level Organizational Overview: A summary of the key takeaways and decisions from the previous Lekgotla.
- Financial Viability and Management: An assessment of the municipality's financial health, sustainability, and management practices.
- Risk Management: An evaluation of the municipality's ability to identify, assess, and mitigate risks.
- Compliance and Good Governance: A discussion on the importance of transparent, accountable, and effective governance practices.
- Internal Audit: A review of the municipality's internal controls and audit processes.
- Service Delivery: An examination of the municipality's performance in delivering essential services to the community.

The purpose of the presentation was to inform the discussions at the Strategic Lekgotla and to gather input for assessing the municipality's current status.



The second Day of Strategic Lekgotla consisted of various presentations from different stake holders and each Head of Department

- Financial Status: Mr. M. Mbona, Deputy Chief Financial Officer, presented an overview of VKLM's financial status, highlighting areas for improvement and opportunities for growth.
- Revenue Generation: Representatives from the Development Bank of Southern Africa presented strategies for enhancing revenue generation and explored new avenues for financial sustainability.
- Socio-Economic Issues: Assistant Manager DB Mtshweni discussed VKLM's socio-economic challenges and potential solutions, emphasizing the importance of addressing these issues for sustainable development.



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## JUSTICE FOR CWECWE



Victor Khanye local Municipality would like to extend heartfelt support to Cwecwe. We stand in solidarity with the pursuit of justice and equality.

We believe that every individual deserves to be treated with dignity and respect without delay or prejudice. You are not alone in this fight. We will continue to advocate for justice, equality and human rights for all.





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## ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT AND ETHICS TRAINING



From April 22nd to 25th, 2025, employees of Victor Khanye Municipality attended the Enterprise Risk Management and Ethics Training, conducted by Denny Govender from Isibani Chartered Accountants and Auditors. This training represents a positive step toward fostering a healthy work environment and ensuring effective governance.

The training covered essential topics, including:

- Ethical Principles: Employees learned about the significance of attitude, behavior, ethics, conduct, training, and discipline in the workplace.
- Risk Management: Participants gained insights into identifying, assessing, and managing risks across various departments and sectors within the municipality.



Some key takeaways from the training include:

- Reporting Unethical Behavior: Employees are now better equipped to recognize and report unethical conduct, promoting a culture of accountability and transparency.
- Risk Identification: Staff members understand their roles and responsibilities in identifying and managing risks, ensuring a proactive approach to mitigating potential threats.
- Good Corporate Governance: The training highlighted the importance of adhering to the Municipal Finance Management Act and implementing good governance principles.



By investing in employee development and promoting a culture of ethics and risk management, Victor Khanye Municipality can enhance its service delivery, build trust within the community, and achieve its developmental goals.



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## LED POP UP MARKET

The Victor Khanye Local Municipality's pop-up market event, held in collaboration with Local Economic Development and Tourism on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April 2025, was a step towards supporting small businesses in the Delmas area. The event aimed to address challenges faced by local entrepreneurs, including:

- Limited access to resources: Business owners struggled with obtaining land, buildings, funding, and equipment.
- Lack of information. Many small business owners were unaware of registration processes, licensing, and financial support options.

The event featured presentations from various stakeholders, including SEDA, NYDA, MEGA, and SEDFA, offering guidance on :

- Business registration and licensing
- Financial support and funding options
- Market targeting and business expansion
- Training and job creation opportunities

Some key outcomes from the event include

- Networking opportunities: Business owners could showcase their products and services, share challenges, and explore potential collaborations.
- Testimonies and success stories: Some entrepreneurs shared their experiences with previous support programs, highlighting the impact on their businesses.
- Identified areas for improvement: The main challenges facing residents include accessing business equipment, registering businesses, and securing land or workspace.

The event concluded with plans for follow-up engagements between stakeholders and business owners to provide necessary assistance. The municipality also aims to gather feedback from local businesses to assess the effectiveness of the support provided





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## IDP OUTREACH



On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May 2025, Victor Khanye Local Municipality in Collaboration with Nkangala District Municipality conducted the IDP outreach program in Botleng Community Hall focusing on critical issues such as water and electricity supply. This engagement follows the municipality's Turnaround Leadership Program (TLP) and underscores the community's role in holding the municipality accountable for service delivery.



Community members raised several key concerns, including the lack of access to essential services like water and electricity, RDP houses, inadequate school infrastructure in Ext 5, and the need for job opportunities and business training.

The IDP outreach program aimed to discuss the municipality's budget and sector department allocations, with a strong emphasis on effective service delivery and accountability. By engaging with the community, the municipality can better understand residents' needs and priorities, working towards addressing these challenges.



This outreach program demonstrates the municipality's commitment to transparency, accountability, and community-driven development, ultimately enhancing the lives of Botleng residents.





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## HIV/AIDS, STI AND TB YOUTH INDABA AWARENESS



On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2025, Sinethemba Hall, Delmas - Victor Khanye Local Municipality, in collaboration with the Department of Health, Moral Regeneration Movement, Social Services, and Traditional Healers Organizations, recently hosted a crucial HIV and AIDS Awareness Programme.

The event, chaired by Thulisile from the Transversal Office, aimed to spread awareness about HIV prevention and control. Speakers from various organizations shared valuable insights and advice on tackling the pandemic.

Tutela Family Care highlighted the importance of caring for children affected by HIV, particularly those deprived of treatment by their parents.

The Civil Society Manager encouraged youth to make regular testing a norm and advocated for a friendly and non-judgmental healthcare environment.

Mpumalanga Mental Health discussed the intersection of HIV and mental health, emphasizing the need for counselling after diagnosis.

Nkangala District Municipality's Social Services Manager addressed the impact of HIV, unemployment, and substance abuse on youth, promoting proactive measures.

The Department of Health shared alarming statistics from 2024, revealing that 118,000 people in Delmas only 27% is living with HIV, with the most affected age groups being 15-24 and 25-49.



Key prevention strategies highlighted included abstinence, Using protection, Safe needle practices, Treatment adherence (U=U) and Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)

Traditional healers were advised to take precautions when dealing with patients, including wearing gloves when handling open wounds with blood exposure.

The event emphasized the importance of collaboration and community engagement in combating HIV and AIDS. By working together, we can create a more informed and supportive environment for those affected.



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## MAYORAL LETSEMA

### Mayoral Letsema Programmes

The programme took place in many different Locations around Delmas wards

VKLM and community volunteers gather to help with task like construction and cleaning of their communities ,removals of illegal dumping, patching of potholes and installation of road signs.

The concepts of Letsema promotes collective responsibility, social cohesion and community development. It's a valuable part of South Africa's cultural heritage, encouraging people to work together for greater good





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## MAYORAL LETSEMA

On 23 May 2025, the Executive Mayor of Victor Khanye, Cllr. KV Buda returned to the office, leading the way in the Letsema initiative at ward 8 in Eloff on this first Friday of his comeback.

The mayor actively participated in a road patching initiative, showcasing both his commitment to service delivery and his hands-on leadership style. He underscored the importance of teamwork and unity among colleagues, setting a powerful example for the community.

As we close out this financial year, our Municipality has made great strides by permanently integrating new employees, effectively addressing unemployment in Victor Khanye and accelerating our service delivery efforts.

Mayor KV Buda emphasized that we must unite as a community to tackle illegal dumping and maintain our roads.

By working together, we can enhance the quality of our environment and ensure a better future for all residents.





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## BOTLENG SOCIETY FOR THE OLD AGED, GROCERY SUPPLY

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2025, Victor Khanye Local Municipality together with the Deputy Speaker of the Mpumalanga Legislature Sam Masango leads a gesture of kindness at the Botleng Centre for the Aged in Delmas, Victor Khanye Local Municipality acting speaker Blondie Mbalati and MMC Dorcas Yeko, and Pulani Sihlangu from Social Development, delivered groceries to support the elderly. Thanks to a partnership with Motau Mining, the center will receive monthly grocery deliveries for the next 12 months. Masango emphasized the importance of dignity and care for the elderly, highlighting plans for a state of the art facility to enhance their lives.



The Deputy Speaker told all attendees that aging can not be avoided for all those who are still young for as long as they are still alive. It is therefore imperative that older persons are taken care of, their place, the infrastructure be prepared for the elderly. Mr Masango spoke of a need for a site to build a proper building for the aged. After donating groceries which was donated by a Motau Mining, a local business, Mr Masango indicated that the groceries will be given to the centre for the next 12 months. He further committed to ensure the private sector comes on Board to build a more conducive place for the centre.



Representing the Department of Social Development, Ms Pulane Sihlangu indicated that the centre and the department participated in the IDP process and submitted a request for a stand on which a new building for the centre would and it was well received. She further indicated that the department provides ongoing support to the centre. The Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environment Affairs (DARDLEA) has already started with gardening activities at the centre.

The department is funding the centre for services to the tune of R152 000.00. The department appreciated the efforts of the Legislature, donors and other stakeholders. She committed to continue assisting the centre to approach various funders and potential donors for the benefit for centre and the elderly

The residents and staff of the old age home are grateful for the support and donations received. They hope that this initiative will continue to grow and eventually benefit all elderly residents in the area.





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## WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

The Victor Khanye Local Municipality recently marked World Environment Day with a series of impactful initiatives promoting environmental sustainability and community engagement. The event was led by MEC Nompumelelo Hlophe, Nkangala District Acting Mayor, MMC Lindiwe Mahlangu, and Victor Khanye Local Municipality Executive Mayor Vusi Buda.

The celebration began with a clean-up campaign at an illegal dumping site in Mandela, showcasing the municipality's commitment to tackling environmental challenges. It then proceeded to local schools, including Yarona Pre-School Siyanqoba Disabled Centre, where food gardens were established and Smart Agricultural boxes, food and cleaning materials, garden equipment, Jojo tanks, and trees were handed over.



The event was supported by partners like the Plastic Industry, Young in ZIP, DFFE, and NGOs. Different Local Farmers and Business got a chance to exhibit and even sell and market their products. A community engagement session was held at Simon Gondwe Stadium, showcasing the municipality's dedication to working with the community and stakeholders.



Through these initiatives, the Victor Khanye Local Municipality demonstrated its commitment to promoting environmental awareness and sustainability. The event's success is expected to have a lasting impact on the community, fostering a cleaner and greener environment for future generations.

The highlight of the event was the launch of the first-ever climate change guide, which was presented to Mayor Buda.



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## MAYORAL IMBIZO



On June 7, 2025, the Executive Mayor of Victor Khanye Local Municipality Cllr. K.V Buda hosted a Mayoral Imbizo at the Simon Gondwe Sport Centre. The event provided a platform for community members to raise issues and challenges affecting them. Key concerns discussed included:

- Water shortage in Extension 3 due to steep terrain
- Housing issues, particularly asbestos roofing with leakages
- Identity document and smart card issues
- Long-term goals and budget constraints

The Mayor addressed these concerns, highlighting:

1. Water shortage: A solution to ensure adequate water pressure in Extension 3 is being explored.
2. Long-term goals: Due to budget constraints, some issues will be prioritized as long-term goals, with strategic planning and resource allocation when funding becomes available.
3. Asbestos roofing: A project is planned to replace asbestos roofing and repair leakages, preventing potential hazards.
4. Identity documents: The "GUDUGUDU PROGRAMME," led by Councillor Mbalati, aims to assist residents with identity document needs.



The event concluded with the donation of 200 blankets to elderly residents in Victor Khanye, demonstrating the municipality's commitment to improving living conditions and providing essential services.



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## *CHILD PROTECTION DAY CELEBRATION: A CALL TO ACTION FOR CHILD SAFETY*

On June 13, 2025, the Victor Khanye Local Municipality, in collaboration with pre-schools from Botleng, Delmas, and Ellof, hosted a significant event to commemorate Child Protection Day. The celebration aimed to raise awareness about the importance of protecting children and providing them with a safe and nurturing environment.

The day began with a fun walk from Delmas Midas to the VKLM sports ground, where the main event was held. The children showcased their talents by singing awareness songs, reciting slogans, and performing awareness poems. The program was moderated by Pastor Mtakwende, Chairperson of ECDs in Delmas, and Thulisile Skosana, Manager of Transversal

A memorandum was read and handed over, highlighting key concerns and pleas for child protection. The memorandum emphasized the need for:

1. Provision of basic needs, such as water, electricity, and food, and budgeting for ECD centers to enhance children's futures.
2. Establishment of proper ECD centers and allocation of sites for these purposes.
3. Involvement of ECD stakeholders in planning and development discussions.

"Let us join hands and save the children, let us fear less, love more, together we rise – towards a bigger purpose and future! Stop child trafficking – our little ones are not for sale, they are the future, their lives matter!!"



The event featured interactive demonstrations on road safety and fire safety. Children were taught about road signs, traffic rules, and safety measures, while parents were advised about the dangers of driving with children on their laps. The firefighter demonstration taught children about the dangers of fire and how to manage it using the "Stop, Drop, and Roll" method.

The Child Protection Day celebration was a resounding success, raising awareness about the importance of keeping children safe and protected. The event served as a platform for stakeholders to come together and work towards creating a safer and more nurturing environment for children.



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## *Victor Khanye Local Municipality Empowers Youth through Successful Youth Development Summit*

The Victor Khanye Local Municipality (VKLM) recently hosted a resounding Youth Development Summit, culminating in the election of a new South African Youth Council Structure. The summit, themed “Youth Entrepreneurship and Innovation: From Ideas to Impact in Local Economy,” brought together young people, stakeholders, and leaders to discuss key issues affecting the youth and explore opportunities for growth and development.

The Municipality Manager of Victor Khanye Local Municipality, Mr. T Mashabela, emphasized the summit's purpose: creating opportunities, fostering innovation, and providing training and mentorship for the youth. He encouraged the youth to dream big, be strategic, seek knowledge, and hold leaders accountable. The Youth Manager, Mr. SP Mahlangu, highlighted past challenges faced by youth, including high HIV rates, school dropout, substance abuse, unemployment, and inequality of access, stressing the importance of developing skills and improving career prospects to empower the youth.

The Executive Mayor of VKLM, Cllr. K.V. Buda, delivered a keynote address, emphasizing the importance of education and empowering young people. He highlighted the need for access to basic education, integration of technology in schools, and mentorship programs to develop critical thinking and creativity. The Mayor also stressed the importance of mental health awareness in schools and encouraged the youth to participate in developmental programs



Various stakeholders presented their support programs, including:

- Department of Social Development: Five programs for youth development, including poverty alleviation, youth development, women empowerment, institutional capacity building, and community mobilization.
- Nkangala TVET College: Skill development programs, including work-integrated learning, graduate internships, learnerships, and skills programs.
- VKLM LED Manager: Financial and non-financial support programs, capacity-building workshops, and pop-up markets for young entrepreneurs.



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## *Victor Khanye Local Municipality Empowers Youth through Successful Youth Development Summit*



Day two of the Youth Development Summit, culminated in the formation of the South African Youth Council (SAYC), a structure aimed at representing the interests and advocating for the needs of young people in the municipality.

The summit adopted several resolutions, including:

- Maintaining sports facilities
- Enhancing digital accessibility
- Organizing awareness campaigns to address critical social issues
- Focusing on education, economic empowerment, health, sports, and digital engagement



The newly selected South African Youth Council chairperson, Brian Tsotetsi, in his address said that the municipality is committed to fostering an environment where the youth confront the issues the Batho Pele environment where the youth can thrive, he further more added that the approach will be guided by the Batho Principle and the six core values of Victor Khanye Local Municipality, ensuring that our initiatives are inclusive and responsive to the needs of our community



Chairperson also added that their focus will encompass education, economic empowerment, health, sports, and digital engagement, with the aim of cultivating a safer and more inclusive community.

VKLM Executive Mayor, Vusi Buda, remarked that investing in youth development is an opportunity to shape the future of the Victor Khanye community. "By fostering mentorship, promoting emotional well-being, and encouraging community engagement, we can empower our young people to become innovators and change-makers,"

The newly elected SAYC leadership includes:

- Chairperson: Brian Tsotetsi
- Deputy Chairperson: Thabiso Kgomo
- Secretary: Bongani Masango
- Deputy Secretary: Mpho Moloi
- Treasurer: Nqobile Mashele





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## From Cleaner to Graduate: A Journey of Determination and Perseverance



Meet the remarkable Cynthia Vilakazi who has defied the odds and achieved academic success while balancing work and family responsibilities. This inspiring story begins in March 1998 when our Mam V started working as a Cleaner at Victor Khanye Local Municipality's Corporate Services department.

With a Grade 11 qualification at the time, Mam V was eager to learn and grow. A turning point came when the department's new director had a one on one with her and encouraged her to complete her Grade 12 and pursue further studies.

In 2004 she got promoted to Records Clerk, and at the age of 40 she decided to go back and re write her Matric in 2012 and passed, that sparked a new wave of ambition and she started to enrol herself in short courses at Unisa and NMW. Her hard work paid off finally in 2016 when she got another promotion to Admin Assistant

Taking the director's advice to heart, Mam V embarked on an educational journey, completing Grade 12 and going on to achieve:

- A short course in Archives and Records Management
- A Higher Certificate in Public Administration
- And finally after year 3 years she graduated in record time with the Bachelor's Degree in Public Administration

As a mother of four and a wife, managing time was crucial. With determination and family support, she created a study timetable, often waking up early in the morning to study. Some nights were sleepless, but the support of loved ones made all the difference.

For those facing similar challenges or considering non-traditional educational paths, Mrs Vilakazi offers these words of wisdom: "Believe in yourself and trust the process, surround yourself with prayer and faith and don't let negative people discourage you; focus on your goals and remain dedicated". Said Mam VEE.

This inspiring story showcases the power of determination and perseverance. Despite the challenges, Mam V has achieved academic success and grown professionally, serving as a role model for others. Their journey is a testament to the fact that it's never too late to pursue your desired qualification, and there's no age limit to education.

*HALALA MAM VEE, CONGRATULATION!!!!*



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## VKLM CONGRATULATES 2024/2025 GRADUATES



**BONGISENI "MKHONTO" RIBA**  
Bachelors Degree in Public  
Management



**CYNTHIA VILAKAZI**  
Bachelors Degree in Public  
Administration



**BEAUTY SHAKOANE**  
Bachelors Degree in Public  
Administration



**SESI OUMA THOMBENI**  
Bachelor of Arts in Government  
Administration and Development

Warmest congratulations to our officials who have successfully graduated! Your dedication, hard work, and perseverance have paid off, and we couldn't be prouder.

This achievement is a testament to your commitment to personal and professional growth. We're excited to see the impact your new skills and knowledge will bring to our institution. Cheers to your success and future endeavours!



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Brachelors Degree in Fire  
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