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The Board Directors of
Sekhukhune Development Agency
welcomes and congratulates
Cllr Julia Lata Mathebe on her election
as Executive Mayor of our Parent Municipality



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PUSHING BACK

THE FRONTIERS OF LIMITATIONS – LIVING ON THE EDGE

'If you're not living on the edge, you're taking up too much room.'

engage in conversations that move our District forward. Whether it's a networking session during a hiking expedition, an economic development summit or just a casual conversation, one commonality is that they all possess passion and a desire to do something great of our District. Despite the gloom outlook at times, Sekhukhune District is in a state of perpetual excitement and improvement right now.

In her acceptance speech, the Executive Mayor has initiated operation "Tlema Tekkie Renwe Meetsi" and also outlined her first 100 days focus areas. We fully identify with the program and focus areas outlined and more specifically have taken note of SDA and its role as an economic development arm of the district. We share the view that SDA must play an active role in creating high impact projects geared towards job creation and mobilising investment that would change the socio-economic complexion of the district for the better.

In a few weeks and months to come the Board of SDA will be on the road – engaging with you, our readers – and with everyone that makes our District tick. We will be rallying marketers, entrepreneurs, thought-leaders, influencers, and commentators to lift brand-Sekhukhune. We will be touching base and learning from our communities and stakeholders. We have the insatiable desire to do great.

We want our programmes to make impact and our initiatives to resonate with you, or at least make you realise what SDA stands for. Take time to enjoy a few stories, experiences and reflections we compiled in this edition, and let us know what you think.

Standing still is never an option: Let's push back the limitations, it is therefore imperative to return to our strategic vision like warrior soldiers who return to courtyard battle, hardened and battle scarred, limping and fatigued, thirsty and weak in body but determined and resolute in spirit, inspired to serve and deliver on their mandate.

Let's push ourselves for a higher prize – Let's live on the edge to realise our vision.

Ke a Leboga!
Mantwa Makanyane

Editor-in-Chief



As I welcome you to this edition of Itseele – the Official Opportunity Magazine of Sekhukhune Development Agency (SDA) I am reminded of the words of Monwabisi Thethe: 'If you're not living on the edge, you're taking up too much room. Indeed it's never a good thing to stand still for too long – even if you are on the right path, you have to keep moving or you might get run over.'

Since joining Sekhukhune Development Agency in December 2021, I realised the importance of moving forward, at breaking new ground and taking the economic transformation of the Sekhukhune District just a bit further.

A few months of this year has seen us moving forward into exciting new spaces and paces. With the new First Female Executive Mayor of the sole-shareholder and parent municipality Cllr Julia Lata Mathebe at the helm, we thought of presenting you (our reader and stakeholder) with a fresher look of our magazine. We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed creating it.

The magazine is the holistic medium that communicates every aspect of the SDA work and the positioning of Sekhukhune as a tourism and investment destination. The SDA brand has been on the road for so many reasons – gathering fresh content that connects, excites and inspires the people of Sekhukhune. With many partnership driven events and collaborations, we get to meet so many fascinating people and deeply

BOARD CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Landiwe J. Mahlangu



Not only will we transform and reimagine our way of doing business; but we will also share opportunities and develop together with our communities.

SHARE OPPORTUNITIES - DEVELOP TOGETHER WITH COMMUNITIES

Dear Esteemed Stakeholders

On behalf of the esteemed Board of Sekhukhune Development Agency I would like to begin by congratulating the Executive Mayor of our sole shareholder municipality Cllr Julia Lata Mathebe on her election. In her, being the lady of 'many firsts', we believe – the first female Regional Chairperson of the ruling party and the first female Executive Mayor of our mighty District.

We are all constantly challenged to seek success in our ever-widening horizons of creating and seizing opportunities, to transform our District into a first economy.

Our shareholder compact with Sekhukhune District Municipality is clear, the expectations from the communities and stakeholders are higher. We are further challenged to create, innovate and sustain a genuine legacy of our forebears like King Sekhukhune I. The Bylaw that established the Agency continue to guide us to animate our people to the bigger picture in order to accomplish high impact economic projects that will structurally and qualitatively deliver results.

I am proud to be part of this amazing team which holds strongly the SDA Bylaw and the Agency's Core Values, using them to promote business-friendly initiatives, networks and strategies in line with our shareholder's interests.

We will forever be committed to create, innovate and develop relevant business cases and models to achieve greater social and economic impact in our highly endowed District. Not only will we transform and reimagine our way of doing business; but we will also share opportunities and develop together with our communities.

Stakeholders in general will enjoy our indelible footprints of success we intend to create and sustain for years to come.

On behalf of the Board, Management and Staff of Sekhukhune Development Agency, kindly enjoy paging through opportunity-filled magazine.

Thank you
Landiwe J. Mahlangu
Chairman

The Board of Sekhukhune Development Agency congratulates the newly elected Sekhukhune District Tourism Association.

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Sekhukhune District Tourism Association

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Itseele Magazine's Team of experienced editorial, design, marketing professionals can help your organisation connect with the expansive municipal market, development role players and the economic landscape of Sekhukhune District – partnering with you to help develop exclusive content marketing strategies and advertising opportunities.

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Tufa is a variety of limestones formed when carbonate minerals precipitate out of ambient temperature water. Geothermally heated hot springs sometimes produce similar (but less porous) carbonate deposits, which are known as travertine. Tufa is sometimes referred to as (meteogene) travertine. It should not be confused with hot spring (thermogene) travertine. Tufa, which is calcareous, should not be confused with tuff, a porous volcanic rock with a similar etymology that is sometimes also called "tufa".



Bordering the Blyde River Canyon Nature Reserve in the north-east, the village of Phiring is just stone throw away from Graskop Gorge. This uniquely beautiful part of Sekhukhune District draws closer opportunities in terms of potential access to both commercial and tourism markets.

the living rock



DISCOVER THE MAGIC
of a unique geological formation
of an active Tufa Rock.

Phiring

GA KGOSHI DINKWENYANA



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Phiring



When entering the village of Phiring on the Graskop road off R36 you are greeted by signboards that read: 'Keep Our Village Clean'. This is not just a slogan or an appellative message – it's the commitment that the residents themselves kept real. Most mornings you will come across community members cleaning the streets. It is indicative of many things, the community is conscious and active about the productive land and water custodianship.

It does not end there, as you enter deeper in the village the greener horizons of cash crops indicate how the residents of Phiring promote increased food and water security for the community needs, as well as an increased economic opportunity as part of an inclusive economy.

As you enter the village square the insignia of Ba-Dinkwenyana Tourism Association tells you how every facet of Phiring village is functioning in an integrated manner. Despite the 250 livestock and crop farmers who practice subsistence and semi-commercial forms of agriculture, there are many young people who are skilled in taking care of the environment and the community's eco-system.

After being welcomed at the Ba-Dinkwenyane Tourism office operate by partners from the community, you are assigned a tour guide and Itseele was guided by a multiskilled guide called Lucius Hlatshwayo. Hlatshwayo's position in the Tourism Association is – Ecosystem Custodian. We understood what an Ecosystem Custodian does when we reached the pristinely preserved Tufa Rock site on the edges of Phiring village. Here you discover the magic of a unique geological formation of an active Tufa Rock.

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According to Hlatshwayo the Phiring village's Ba-Dinkwenyana Tourism involves eco-tourism projects that are implemented by the UNESCO accredited Kruger to Canyons Biosphere Region. What stands out about Phiring is the magical Tufa Rock which is highly protected and conserved from animal and human disturbance through education and awareness among local residents.

“Tufa Rock is formed when a dolomite rock which has calcium and magnesium emerge. As the water runs through the calcium and magnesium rock it dissolves with chemicals running with the water flushing down. They start solidifying, thus forming a light brown rock face which currently looks like mud, and will eventually solidify into a strong rock as it were the case with the rock face you are seeing now” explained Hlatshwayo

Hlatshwayo added that the green mat-looking cover of the Tufa Rock is called a morse. He said as the morse grows on the rock face and the water keeps flowing down, another level of the rock starts forming again on top of the morse. The morse start pushing out to get photosynthesis. As it pushes it then grows on top of the Tufa rock. The struggle within the living Tufa Rock can be clearly on a dead Tufa rock as holes show how the morse protruded from behind the forming rock into surface.

“What make the active Tufa Rock a living rock is that the morse is still growing and there is lots of biodiversity existing on the Tufa Rock yet on the dead Tufa rock there is nothing that we see on the Tufa rock” concluded Hlatshwayo



Mr Lucius Hlatshwayo provides guiding services about Tufa Rock

Re-claiming KNP THE SEKHUKHUNE LEG & CONNECTION

LIMPOPO SUMMER is MAGICAL: The upper part of South Africa gets a fair share of rain and summer vacation feet and check-ins because of Kruger National Park. The Greater Kruger region stretches between the provinces of Mpumalanga and Limpopo, with eleven gates that pinpoint the southern and northern sections of the park. The northern section of the Kruger National Park (KNP) in the Limpopo Province is accessible mainly through Phalaborwa Gate.

It was at this Gate the Sekhukhune Development Agency joined many tourism partners, product owners and destination promoters in the Limpopo Summer Campaign on 22 and 23 October 2021. It was here that MEC for Limpopo Department of Economic Development Environment and Tourism (LEDET) Mr Thabo Mokone and Chairperson of Limpopo Tourism Agency Mr Andrew Dipela visited the SDA Exhibition Stall to give context to the Sekhukhune District's leg and connection to the reclaiming Kruger National Park campaign.

In the words of Chairman of Limpopo Tourism Agency Mr Dipela the District of Sekhukhune was singled out as one of the frontiers of 'getting the people of Limpopo to reclaim the Kruger National Park'.



MEC Thabo Mokone and Limpopo Tourism Agency's Mr Andrew Dipela at the SDA Exhibition Stall at the Phalaborwa Gate of KNP.



KRUGER NATIONAL PARK is one of the largest game reserves in Africa. It covers an area of nearly two million hectares (20 000 km²) in the provinces of Mpumalanga and Limpopo in the north-east of South Africa. It extends 360km from north to south and 65km from east to west.

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Despite the overt geographic fact that a larger percentage of the land mass of KNP is in Limpopo, there is an elephant narrative too.

According to Dipela elephants love the Mopaneveld, which is why you will find more than half of the elephants at Kruger live in the northern section of the park.

He added that the dryness on the Limpopo part of the KNP can work in visitor's favour as dry river beds serve as some of the best game spotting areas, their low lying areas covered in long grass.

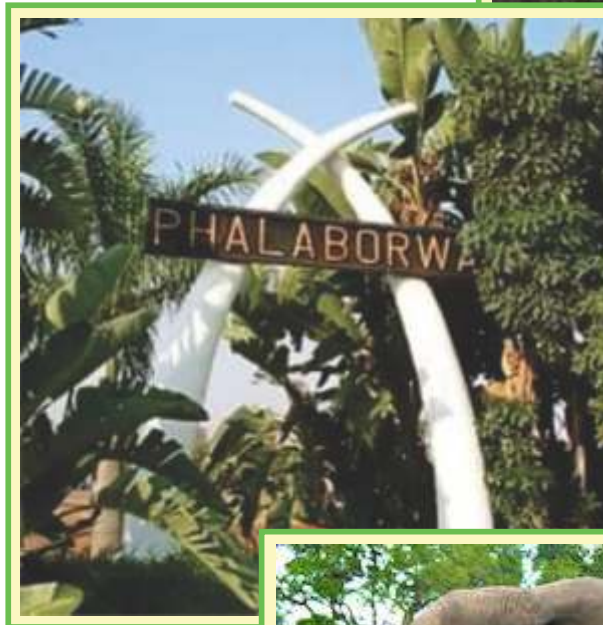
"As with everything, it is a case of knowing where to look. There is more game to spot around Phalaborwa. But the best of all is the knowledge that the northern section of Kruger is worth venturing for many reasons – hence our mantra is solid: there is more to enjoy in Limpopo" explained Dipela

The Sekhukhune connection

For you to get to the Phalaborwa Gate of KNP from Lydenburg, Witbank / Middelburg and the regional economic hub of Burgersfort you have to get through JG Strydom Tunnel. Along the R36 road to Strydom Tunnel you would have passed the pristinely preserved Voortrekker town of Origstad, the famous Voortrekker gravesite, Bushmen Rock Shelter, Echo Caves, the Shoe Cave and the crown jewel of community-based tourism – Phiring village.

The 133 metres long Tunnel is a tourism stop for all travelling along the Abel Erasmus Pass to and from Kruger National Park. As a landmark and a boundary separating two District the roadside, on the Mopani and Sekhukhune side, of the tunnel is lined with vendors and craft people selling souvenirs to tourists stopping for a look at the tunnel, the Tufa Waterfall or take a photograph of the Olifants River below.

Travel to Kruger from Origstad you will see the small curio vendors on your left before you enter the tunnel. It where our case for reclaiming the best way to KNP starts - **empowerment of communities of R36!**



THINGS to DO and SEE

THE SEKHUKHUNE CONNECTION TO KNP

- J.G Strydom Tunnel
- Tunnel Cornerstone
- Tufa Waterfall
- Taita Falcons
- Curios, Arts and Crafts



More info and great photographs of these magnificent sites - visit: www.sdalive.org.za

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PLATINUM STREAM TOURISM ROUTE

R36 & R37 ROADS IN FETAKGOMO TUBATSE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

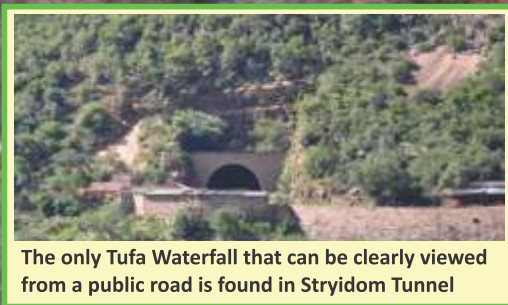
Strydom Tunnel Tufa Waterfall

At 200 metres (660 ft), the Tufa Waterfall at Strydom Tunnel is one tallest and few living Tufa Waterfall on earth. It is superseded by its cousin – the Kadishi Tufa Waterfall hidden at the end of the Blyde Dam. A Tufa Waterfall is formed when water running over dolomite rock absorbs calcium, and deposits rock formations more rapidly than they erode the surround rock.

Tufa Waterfalls are rare in South Africa, and as far as we know, this is the only one that can be viewed from a public road.

On the R36 north of Origstad (Abel Erasmus Pass), park at the viewpoint at the southern end of J.G Strydom Tunnel. This Tufa Waterfall can be seen across the gorge almost due to the south of the viewpoint. Tufa waterfalls are unique. Most waterfalls cause erosion of rocks, while a Tufa waterfall creates rock through sedimentary deposits of limestone over millions of years.

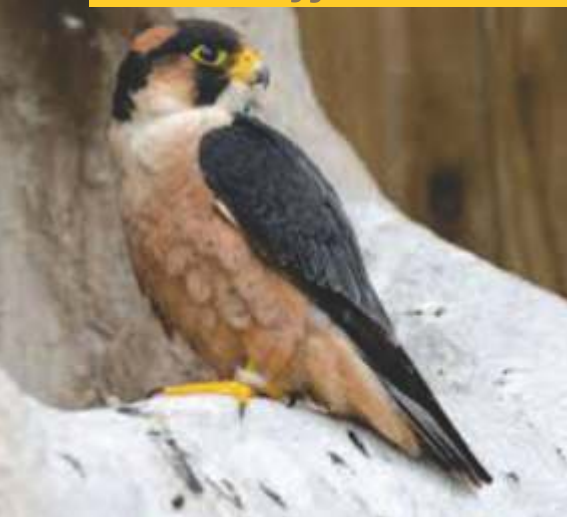
A Tufa Waterfall is created when water running over dolomite rock absorbs calcium and becomes super saturated with calcite. Super saturation typically occurs at a waterfall, when the water is highly aerated, has an accelerated flow of velocity, and an enlargement of the air/water interface area. This accelerates the release of carbon dioxide, which promotes calcite precipitation.



The only Tufa Waterfall that can be clearly viewed from a public road is found in Strydom Tunnel

THE KINGDOM OF TAITA FALCON

at JG Strydom Tunnel



The Taita are the rarest and discreet of all bird species found in Sekhukhuneland. The fact that the Taita was found initially in South Africa around 1990 tells more about its secret nature. Taita's secret about its existence was kept secret, again, for its protection. Very little is known about the bird, partly due to the inaccessibility of their nest sites. They are known to be nesting very close to Strydom Tunnel in the Abel Erasmus Pass.



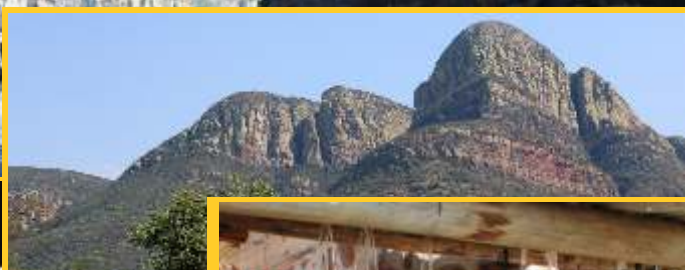
Possible nest sites of the Taita Falcon on R36 Road

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The liveliness of **STRIJDOM TUNNEL**



LTA EXPOSES HIDDEN GEMS OF LIMPOPO TO THE WORLD

Limpopo Tourism Agency (LTA) led tourism stakeholders in Sekhukhune District including Sekhukhune District Development Agency, Fetakgomo-Tubatse Local Municipality, Small and Enterprises Development Agency (SEDA) with some SMMEs on a mission of exposing some hidden gems of the province to the world. On the 14th December 2021, the delegation headed to Leolo Mountain ranges for sight seeing as well as exploring the rare species like the other family of the yellow arum lily that grows in the wild around that area, whose botanical name is *Zantedeschia Jucunda*. This genome of the yellow arum lilies are endemic to Mohlake Valley and the surrounding.

Ever since declaring the flower, the late King Thulare III joined forces with Tups City Agro-Economy Centre to showcase the flower as a token that authentically identify with Bapedi nation. Bapedi Ancestral Flower bears much history on the Bapedi interface with fauna and flora in their heritage and appreciation of the geography of their development. This is evident in the praise poetry of Bapedi nation about Mohlake where Bapedi settled around 1651 on the summit of Leolo Mountain, where this flower is found in abundance.

This is the natural habitat of the much sought-after Yellow Arum Lily that will annually be celebrated for its magnificent springtime display. This indigenous, flower is endemic in Sekhukhune especially in the Leolo Mountain ranges up to Roosenekal. These yellow arum lilies are protected species, from the endangered Red Data list.

Nobody is allowed to pick these beautiful flowers or dig them up in the veld. The other family of this lily is *Zantedeschia pentlandia* found around Roosenekal in the same district. The difference between the two is that the *Zantedeschia Jucunda* has deep green leaves with white sparkles while its cousin, *Zantedeschia Pentlandia* are shiny plain green.

Main Pic: Acting CEO of Limpopo Tourism Agency Mr Moss Ngobeni exposing the giant yellow arum lily in Leolo Mountain. **(Middle)** LEDET Research Team documenting the lilies. **(Bottom)** A-CEO Ngobeni showing the media a hearty appreciation of Limpopo.



The delegation was welcomed by Nkosi Traditional Authority at Hoepakrans in a village called Engazini along the Leolo Mountains. The representatives from the Thobejane Traditional Authority at Mohlake Valley were also welcomed at Engazini as the delegation led by LTA could not go through to Mohlake Valley due to rain damaged roads.

There was also a showcase of products to be exhibited by SMMEs that also formed part of the delegation for the day.

The Acting CEO of LTA, Mr. Moses Ngobeni was pleased to meet the two traditional authorities on the day and said, *"We feel so grateful to be here today although the intention was to have a big event of launching this unique flower at Mohlake Valley. This is real treasure that we should all preserve and protect for future generations, but something we can also use to raise the economy of the area. We will properly plan this event so that everybody can benefit as the one we used to celebrate in Roosenekal was not benefitting all sections of the community"*.

The two traditional authorities both expressed their appreciation for the visit but raised concerns of the event not being properly arranged. They urged that the organizers involve them from the initial planning stage as key stakeholders.

Mr. Puleng Mmotla of Sekhukhune Development Agency (SDA) who facilitated the session, reverberated the words of the LTA's Acting CEO that the event would be properly organized in the new year.

On the 15th December 2021, the Agency paid a visit to Phiring Village under Dinkwenyane Traditional Authority for a visit to yet another new gem in the province, a unique geological formation of an active Sekweneng tufa rock. Mr. Lucious Hlatshwayo, the lead tour guide with his extensive knowledge of nature, was on duty taking the delegation through.



Mokgomana Selatole Thobejane of Babina Noko ba Mohlake, Acting CEO of LTA and Kgoshi Absalom Ntabazabantu Nkosi of Ngobe Nkosi Traditional Authority.



Exhibitors from all four local municipalities of the District showcasing their crafts during the Launch of the Blooming Season and Sekhukhune Summer Campaign at Leolo Mountain. The event was hosted at Ngobe Nkosi Traditional Authority.



TrillTeam Leon is a Limpopo based content creator and his Twitter following is at 2 million. His creative capturing and captioning of best views and reviews of our province's destinations, products and moments helps to make Limpopo known and loved across the world. Along with his strong promotional theme he keeps loyal audiences in USA and Canada that will be visiting our province soon.



THABA MOSHATE stirs

Sekhukhuneland's HIKING REVOLUTION



- 1 Mr Tshegetso Hendry Boekhouer of Thaba Moshate pointing the summit of Morole Mountain in Burgersfort.
- 2 Makgane Hiking Club members during a Networking Break where they exchanging opportunities.
- 3 Starting point of Ntatapoo Hiking Trail at Marota Mohlaletse Moshate
- 4 The Moopong Ntsweletau Hiking Expedition on 29 December 2021.



*The closing of Tourism Month on 29 September 2021 in Sekhukhune District was , in many ways, the opening of an exciting new chapter – **hiking adventure market.***



(Main Pic) View of Burgersfort town from the summit of Morole Mountain. (Below) Rock formations such as the three feet enrich hiking experiences.

Sekhukhune Development Agency in partnership with Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality's Tourism Unit together with Sekhukhune District Tourism Association brainstormed on the need to harness hiking adventure experiences with a view of creating new tourism attractions.

It all started with a consultative meeting with land ownership interest parties and role players at Thaba Moshate Casino Resort in Burgersfort. It was during the first consultation meeting on 08 December 2021 that Mr Tshegetso Hendry Boekhouer, General Manager of Thaba Moshate Convention Resort displayed remarkable insights and commitment to the success of hiking adventure market in Sekhukhune District.

Following the consultative meeting the role players conducted an assessment and business case study around developing a hiking trail on Morole Mountain which overlooks the bustling town of Burgersfort. The motivation behind the establishment of the hiking trail on Morole Mountain was ignited by the need to add a hiking trail that is convenient and attractive in the legendary Sekhukhune District.

According to Mr Boekhouer Thaba Moshate Casino and Convention Resort believes in paying respectful homage to the mineral wealth of the platinum reef on which the area stands, and the colourful heritage of the indigenous people of the region.

“When approached by these role players we were more than eager to support. Thaba Moshate remains committed to play a core role in bringing to life the mission of empowering all communities to share, preserve and protect the environment through sustainable hiking experience” said Boekhouer



The support from Thaba Moshate makes corporate companies in Sekhukhune part of a growing hiking community helping to protect places we love to hike. There will be efforts to incentivise adventure hikers with more promotional events and loyalty packages.

“We strongly believe that the hiking adventures compliment our business vision. We will continue to promote outdoor recreation, protect the environment, and honour a healthy lifestyle. We aim to support local hiking trails that outdoor enthusiasts and adventure travellers know and trust. We believe that there is a huge market for hiking and backpacking trips” added Boekhouer

There are five high potential hiking trails to support community tourism, namely, Sethunyeng (Phiring), Mohlake (Leolo Mountain), Morole (Thaba Moshate), Ntatapoo (Mohlaletsi) and Makgane (Magnetheights). These hiking trails are at different stages of development and they potentially offer differentiated benefits and fulfil variety of expectation for a broader market of travellers.

“We host different guests and they are keen to find things to do. Some travellers enjoy immersing themselves in the local culture and the traditions of the region. We have lots of travellers who enjoy interacting with the community and the surrounding environment, and we believe hiking trails are an ideal way through which communities can make a head start in attracting travellers. What I like about the hiking trails proposed in the area is that they are led by local entrepreneurs and are coordinated at strategic level by Sekhukhune Development Agency” enthused Boekhouer

The Morole Mountain is least explored and the local community saw the opportunity to give the precinct a fresh use to keep tourism alive and well in Fetakgomo Tubatse Local Municipality. The walks across all five hiking trails are designed to be comfortable and take visitors through the best view of Burgersfort town and the District at large.

Taking cue from Boekhouer the Acting CEO of Sekhukhune Development Agency Ms Mantwa Makanyane assured role players that Sekhukhune Development Agency will continue to work with corporate companies such as Thaba Moshate prioritise hiking as a measure to amplify hiking trails as one of the drivers for high impact

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TSHEGETSO HENDRY BOEKHOUER

economic upshot in the area of domestic tourism. “This will help build and maintain hiking trails, conserve Sekhukhune District's natural landscapes, build a more inclusive outdoors, and ensure that tomorrow's hiking experience is even better than today's” explained Makanyane

Makanyane concluded that SDA will continue to play a larger role in unification of hiking trails across the District and spread economic (and environmental) benefits of hiking adventures in communities. “SDA will join a network of hiking clubs and trail groups, land trusts and other organisations working to promote and protect hiking trails, trail lands, and a complete District-wide hiking experience” concluded Makanyane.



FETAKGOMO TUBATSE

Royal Hiking & Camping

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DAY 1	09:00 Sekweneng Eco-Tour Experience 11:00 Sethunyeng Hiking Expedition 14:00 Community Workshop on Home Stays	18 MARCH 2022
DAY 2	08:00 Lewalemagodu Hiking Experience 14:00 Local Hiking Federation Workshop	19 MARCH 2022
DAY 3	06:00 Platinum Stream Tourism Route Fun Run From R36 via Graskop Road to Phiring 11:00 Prize-giving and Departure	20 MARCH 2022

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