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Land claim in Thabazimbi

Title deeds handed over to Sebilong community in Thabazimbi



Platinum Bushvelder newspaper | Thabazimbi
– A formal title deed handover ceremony took place in Thabazimbi on Friday 10 April 2026, marking the conclusion of a long-standing land claim involving the Sebilong community at Portion 27 of Farm Zwartkop 369 KQ. The event was officiated by Paul Mashatile (deputy president of South Africa), alongside Mzwanele Nyhontso (minister of Land Reform and Rural Development),

Naledi Sibanda- Kekana (MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development in Limpopo), and Cllr Andries Tshukudu (mayor of Thabazimbi Local Municipality).

The claim recognises 1,071 verified beneficiaries from 89 households, with the land now to be managed through a Communal Property Association. With more than R16 million in grant

support, the government indicated that support will be provided to assist with development and encourage productive land use.

For the Sebilong community, the event marks the start of a new chapter focused on land management, development, and future opportunities.

More on page 3.

The handover forms part of the national land restitution programme, which addresses historical land claims through a legal process.

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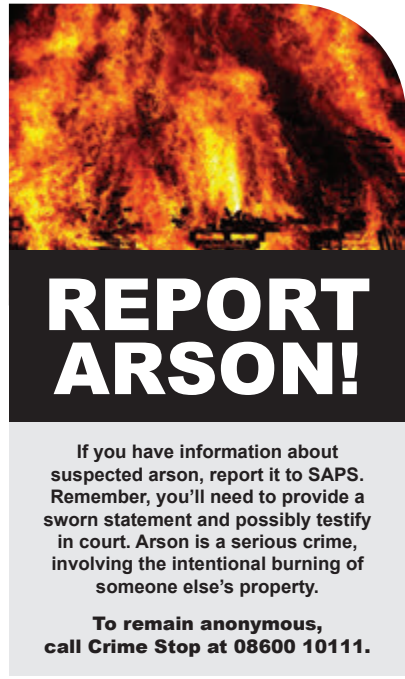
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LOCAL AUTHORITY NOTICE


FIRST ROUND OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROGRAMME FOR IDP/BUDGET/PMS 2026/2027

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor, in terms of Section 29 of the Municipal Systems Act No.32 of 2000, will be engaging communities on the IDP/Budget/PMS 2026/2027 Public Participation Programme. Community members are invited to attend as per the below schedule:

Date	Venue	Time	Activity	Clusters	Target Group	Ward Cllr & Contact No.	Resources Needed
09 Apr 26 - Thursday	Municipal Chamber	14:00	Council Consultation	N/A	All ward Councilors, 2 Ward Committee, All CDW's	All Cllrs	N/A
14 Apr 26 - Tuesday	Municipal Chamber	10:00	IDP/Budget/PMS Steering Committee	N/A	Internal Stakeholders	N/A	No transport
16 Apr 26 - Thursday	Rooiberg Community Hall	17:00	Public Participation	Ward 4	Raphuthi/Leeukrans, Koedoeskop, Phatsima, Madoing, Mmamoraka, Kromdraai, Rooiberg, Rooiberg Informal Settlement, Kromdraai	Cllr L Ndiweni – 071 280 7276	Transport
18 Apr 26 - Saturday	Smashblock Sports Grounds	10:00	Public Participation	Ward 3	Smashblock Informal Settlement, Sebilong Chromite Village	Cllr RD Mampeule – 082 829 1023	No transport
19 Apr 26 - Sunday	Dwaalboom Open space (Church)	10:00	Public Participation	Ward 5	Dwaalboom,Maroelafontein, Grensvinkel	Cllr MK Magetse – 060 478 9488	Transport
20 Apr 26 - Monday	Jabulani Open Space	17:00	Public Participation	Ward 6 Ward 11	Jabulani, Rethabile, Setaria	Cllr M Tyhayilendwendwe – 073 737 4326 Cllr L Nozozo – 073 141 8243	Transport
21 Apr 26 - Tuesday	Northam Lapa	17:00	Public Participation	Ward 8	Northam Ward 8,Ext 2, Ext 6, Lefika	Cllr DJ Sebata – 066 250 4917	No transport
22 Apr 26 - Wednesday	Northam TLC	17:00	Public Participation	Ward 5,7	Northam Ward 5, Block 7 Mojuteng, Hellen Park,(Ext 1 Block 1-5, Northam Ward 7, Swartklip 6 &17), De Put Farm	Cllr MK Magetse – 060 478 9488 Cllr JM Mogapi – 083 794 8133	Transport
23 Apr 26 - Thursday	Regorogile Community Hall	17:00	Public Participation	Ward 9 Ward 10 Ward 12	Regorogile Ext 1,3,4,5,6,7,8, Meriting Informal Settlement, Bokamoso, Mountain View, Portion of Ext 5	Cllr TJ Pilane – 063 625 8144 Cllr RA Tshukudu – 071 703 9170 Cllr KA Sesoma – 079 688 8168	No transport
29 Apr 26 - Wednesday	Elpis Church	17:00	Public Participation	Ward 9	Masepala, Mmehane, Ipelegeng, Kwa Botha, Apiesdooring	Cllr TJ Pilane – 063 625 8144	Transport
05 May 26 - Tuesday	Thaba Park Sports Grounds	17:00	Public Participation	Ward 2	Thabazimbi Town, Spitskop, Zimthabi, Marekele, Thabazimbi Extension 35,36,37,38, Medivet, Heuwelkruin, Kwaggasvlaktes, Krensberg	Cllr E Fourie – 082 328 4586	Transport
06 May 26 - Wednesday	Skierlik Open Space	10:00	Public Participation	Ward 1	Rooibokkraal, Cumberland, Reenpan, Hueningvlei, Hoopdaal, Skierlik Informal Settlement, Makopa, Mokobane, Kaaldraai	Cllr PS Sello – 078 183 7825	Transport
07 May 26 - Thursday	To be confirmed	10:00	IDP/Budget/PMS Rep Forum	N/A	All Stakeholders (Internal & External)	N/A	No transport

For more information, contact **MANAGER IDP, Mrs. Lena Monawa – Lesotho @ 014 772 2295 or 082 691 4600**

MR GC LETSOALO CA(SA) | MUNICIPAL MANAGER **Notice no: 04/2026**



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TENDER

Bidders should take note of the following bidding conditions:

- Thabazimbi Municipality Supply Chain Management Policy shall apply in the evaluation and awarding of the Tender.
- Thabazimbi Municipality does not bind itself to accept the lowest tender reserves the right to accept the whole or part of the Tender and reserves not to make appointment
- The Bid validity shall be 90 (Ninety) days from the date of closure.
- Bidders must provide proof of the following to avoid disqualification: Valid CSD report not older than three (3) months, SAPS certificate, ID copy Copies of all directors, statements of municipality rate and taxes for both company and director(s) (not older than 3 months)/ letter from traditional authority not older than 3 months/ lease agreement, key personnel/ personnel/service team's experience (attach certified copies of qualification and CV/CK/Company registration valid tax pin, proof of work experience (attach relevant appointment letter). All the relevant returnable documents are attached to the document.
- The minimum score for functionality will be as stated above and bidders who score below will not be evaluated further on price and specific goals specified for the tender.
- Document availability – 15 April 2026
 - Pay the non-refundable R2875.00 tender fee into the municipal account:
 - Account Name: **Thabazimbi Local Municipality**
 - Bank Name: **ABSA**
 - Account Number: **158000 0009**
 - Branch Code: **632005**
 - Reference: **[Insert Tender Number or Bidder Name]**
 - Attach the original proof of payment (deposit slip) to the tender document upon submission.
 - Failure to attach the proof of payment may result in disqualification.
 - Tender documents can also be obtained from the following websites:
 - Municipal Website**
 - E-Tender Publication Portal**
 - CIDB portal**
 - Local Newspaper**

NB: Failure to attach the proof of payment may result in disqualification. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and appreciate your understanding.

Mr. GC Letsoalo (CA) SA | MUNICIPAL MANAGER

TENDER NUMBER	CIDB GRADING	DESCRIPTION	COMPULSORY BRIEFING SESSION			FUNCTIONALITY	EVALUATION CRITERIA	CLOSING DATE AND TIME	Minimum Score for functionality	CONTACT PERSON
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COR/01/2025-26	N/A	Provision for Travel Agency for a period of Three (3) years	N/A	N/A	R2875	Company Experience (20) Key personnel Plants (18) Financial Position (05) 80/20 Scoring Points a) Price (80) b) Specific Goals (20)	80/20	Date: 05/05/2026 Time: 12h00	70%	Technical Enquires: J. Letsoalo: 071 777 8640 Procurement Enquiries: BK Monyeki: 073 919 4602

The bids are to be submitted at the tender box of Thabazimbi Local Office at No:7 Rietbok, Thabazimbi, 0380 by the closing date and time as above mentioned where they are open in public. No late telefax or document found in any other places or proposal from service providers who have not attended the compulsory briefing session will not be considered.

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According to information shared at the event, the claim relates to the Sebilong community's historical connection to the land. The process, conducted through the national land restitution programme, recognises 1,071 verified beneficiaries from 89 households.

Speaking at the ceremony, deputy president of South Africa, Paul Mashatile said the handover represents an important step in government's land reform programme, which follows a structured legal process for addressing land claims.

The land claim was originally lodged by the late Lazarus Nkale Tisane on behalf of the Sebilong community and has since been finalised through the relevant legal channels. A Communal Property Association (CPA) has been established to hold and manage the land on behalf of beneficiaries.

Government representatives indicated that post-settlement support will be provided to assist with development initiatives and to encourage productive use of the land. These include agricultural activities and potential economic opportunities aimed at supporting livelihoods within the community. With more than R16 million in grant support, the project aims to unlock agricultural production, create jobs, and support partnerships in sectors such as farming and mining.

The handover forms part of ongoing national efforts to process land claims and promote development in rural areas.

For the Sebilong community, the event marks the beginning of a new phase focused on land use, management, and future growth.



Paul Mashatile (deputy president of South Africa), addressed community members that gathered in large numbers during the official title deed handover ceremony for the Sebilong community in Thabazimbi.



Damage left behind after copper theft, where the cost of repairs far outweighs the value of the stolen metal.

STRIPPED FOR SCRAP

Copper theft leaves Thabazimbi counting the cost

Platinum Bushvelder newspaper | Thabazimbi – Copper theft continues to trouble the Thabazimbi community, with residents and businesses facing rising repair costs and ongoing disruption.

Criminals are targeting electrical wiring, plumbing, and infrastructure – often causing extensive damage while removing copper worth very little. In some cases, destruction costing thousands of rands is linked to scrap valued at as little as R50.

Incidents typically occur at night or when properties are unoccupied, making vacant homes easy targets. At least four cases were reported in the past month alone, although many incidents are believed to go unreported – suggesting a far greater problem.

Limited feedback from authorities has left residents frustrated, with growing calls for stronger intervention and improved communication. Community members are urged to remain vigilant, secure their properties, and report suspicious activity. Without coordinated action, copper theft is likely to remain a costly and persistent issue in Thabazimbi.

SOULFOOD

ROMANS 10:9-10

9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

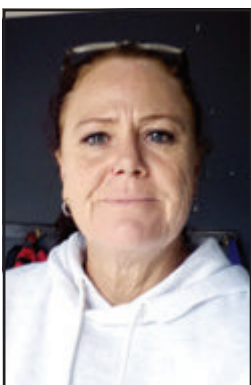


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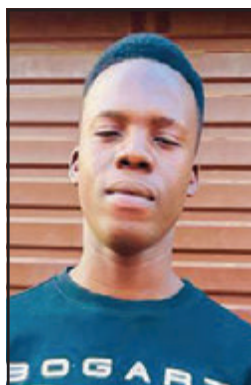
Is it okay to end a friendship without an explanation?

Friendships can be complex, and sometimes people choose to walk away quietly to protect their peace. Others feel that honesty and closure are important. What do you think... is silence acceptable, or does every friendship deserve an explanation?



"No, it's not okay. If something is wrong, speak to your friend face to face. Ending things without explanation is careless. People deserve honesty, even if the truth is difficult."

Reinette Mulder, Thabazimbi



"No – without an explanation, the other person may still believe the friendship exists. It creates confusion and false hope. Clear communication is important to avoid misunderstandings."

Welcome Matsebula, Thabazimbi

PUBLIC POLL: THE RESULTS ARE IN!

Is it okay to end a friendship without an explanation?

NO 60% YES 40%

POLL

Do you think your doctor will always take charge of your health and ensure you receive the best possible advice?

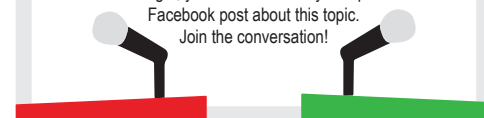
While doctors play a vital role in guiding your health, patients are encouraged to stay informed, ask questions, and take responsibility for their own wellbeing. A strong partnership between doctor and patient often leads to better health outcomes. What's your view?

Here's how you can participate. Email us at news@platinumbushvelder.co.za or WhatsApp your response to 081 579 7000.

Include the following:

- Your answer: Yes or No
- Why? We want to hear from you!
- A recent photo – We'd love to publish your pic alongside your answer!
- Your town/city
- Deadline – Be sure to send your response before 12:00 on Monday, 20 April 2026.

Vote results: The outcome of the poll will be featured in our next issue. Be a part of our community's story! P.S.: Don't forget, you can also voice your opinion on our Facebook post about this topic. Join the conversation!



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Voetspoorfees 2026

Datum: Vrydag, 1 Mei 2026

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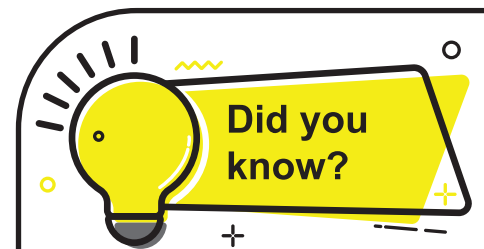
Venue: NG Kerk Thabazimbi | Kontak: 014 777 1234

Thaba Fire & Rescue Vuur Fees 2026

Vrydag 29 & Saterdag 30 Mei 2026

Thabazimbi maak gereed vir 'n opwindende naweek vol aksie wanneer Thaba Fire & Rescue hul jaarlikse Vuur Fees aanbied. Besoekers kan uitsien na indrukwekkende brand- en reddingsdemonstrasies, dinamiese K9-vertonings en 'n geleentheid om eerstehands te sien hoe nooddienste werk. Die fees bring die gemeenskap nader aan hul reddingspanne en skep bewusmaking oor brandveiligheid in 'n energieke, gesinsvriendelike atmosfeer.

Venue: Thabazimbi Skougronde | Kontak: 083 575 5827





SPENT BULLETS DON'T BEHAVE THE WAY MOVIES SHOW... In real crime scenes, it's often not the bullet (the part that leaves the gun) that tells the story – it's the cartridge case (the empty shell left behind after a shot). When most semi-automatic firearms (for example, a typical 9mm pistol) are fired, they eject the empty casing to the right-hand side of the shooter, sometimes slightly backwards.

This small detail typically helps investigators from the South African Police Service estimate where a shooter was standing and even the direction they were facing. However, movement, obstacles, or different firearm types can affect this pattern, which is why every scene is carefully analysed.



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RHINOS CHARGE ON!



Northam Rhinos 2nd team celebrated a strong 34-14 victory over Randfontein Rugby Club.



Northam Rhinos 3rd team in dominant form after a commanding 36-0 win.

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Platinum Bushvelder newspaper | Thabazimbi – The Northam Rhinos Rugby Club delivered a mixed but spirited performance against Randfontein Rugby Club on Saturday 11 April 2026 at Green Hills, Randfontein, in the Golden Lions Grand Challenge. While the 1st team fought hard in a tight contest, they narrowly went down 26-31. The 2nd team showed dominance with a convincing 34-14 victory, while the 3rd team delivered a standout performance, shutting out their opponents with an emphatic 36-0 win.

With confidence high after two strong victories, the Rhinos now turn their focus to their next fixture. They will face North West University on Saturday, 18 April 2026, at their home ground, Bushveld Park. Kick-off times are as follows:

- 3rd team – 13:00
- 2nd team – 14:40
- 1st team – 16:00

Supporters are encouraged to come out in numbers and back the Rhinos as they look to build on their momentum in the Golden Lions Grand Challenge.

HFM se eerste Interhoër ghoftsege sedert 2012!



Die HFM ghoftspan met hul eerste Interhoër oorwinning sedert 2012.

Platinum Bushvelder koerant | Thabazimbi – Die Bosveld se jong ghoftalent het op Maandag 13 April 2026 behoorlik gewys waartoe hulle in staat is tydens die Interhoër ghoftkompetisie. Verskeie skole het deelgeneem op 'n heerlike dag vir ghoft, met sterk kompetisie en 'n uitstekende gees op die baan. Aan die einde van die dag het Hoërskool Frikkie Meyer (HFM) die louere ingepalm en eerste plek behaal – 'n merkwaardige prestasie, aangesien

dit hul eerste Interhoër oorwinning sedert 2012 is. Hoërskool Hans Strijdom het tweede geëindig, gevolg deur Hoërskool Nylstroom in derde plek. 'n Spesiale vermelding gaan aan Jannik Blaauw van HFM, wat die beste netto telling van die dag aangeteken het en daarmee uitgestaan het as een van die top spelers. Hierdie oorwinning is nie net 'n mylpaal nie, maar ook 'n belofte van nog groot dinge wat voorlê.



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