



Eradication of VIP and pit-latrines toilets:

The city has prioritised eradication of VIP and pit-latrines toilets in Botshabelo and Thaba Nchu, and has thus far spent over R94 million on installing water borne toilets and eradicating what the Executive Mayor termed "inhumane sanitary conditions".



Upgrading of Maselspoort Low and High Lift Pump station:

The full refurbishment of the old Maselspoort Pump station entails mechanical, electrical and civil refurbishment that will ensure the pump capacity is increased to 1500 liter per second. The second phase will include an upgrade of the water treatment plant. If required and during failures from the Caledon river system, Maselspoort will be utilised to augment water to the Mangaung area. This will minimise the risks and improve the sustainability of bulk water supply.

Mangaung eradicating bucket and pit-latrines toilets

The Executive Mayor of Mangaung Metro, Cllr Thabo Manyoni, in 2014 launched a number of the city's key strategic projects in Bloemfontein, Botshabelo and Thaba Nchu.

The current council, led by Cllr. Manyoni, also assessed its performance through the mid-term report - highlights the successes that have been achieved since coming into office in 2011. The report further assessed what else needs to be done in order to ensure that Mangaung becomes "...an attractive, clean, green and healthy environment...that will serve as the basis

for sustainable economic development and enhance the quality of life for present and future generations."

As part of efforts to attain this, the Executive Mayor, joined by members of the Mayoral Committee, Municipal Public Accounts Committee and other councillors, launched the following projects in Bloemfontein:

- New 45 Ml Longridge Reservoir
- Longridge Bulk Supply Line
- Naval Hill Reservoir
- North Eastern Bulk Water Supply
- Rehabilitation Of Andries Pretorius Street
- Addition Of 10ml to Existing Sterkwater

Wastewater Treatment Works

- New North-Eastern Wwtw For The Mangaung Metro Municipality
- Upgrading Of Maselspoort Low And High Lift Pump Station

One of the priorities of council is the eradication of VIPs and pit-latrines toilets, the majority of which are found in Botshabelo and Thaba Nchu. This flag-ship project also commenced last year, and is being complemented by the construction of a reservoir in Botshabelo which will ensure that water provision and proper sanitation is a reality for residents who had been struggling.



The Executive Mayor and MMC for Transport, Security and Emergency, Cllr. Moses Sekakanyo launched the Disaster Management Centre in August.



The 45ML Longridge Reservoir will supply 48 900 households in Mangaung area. Construction of the R42 million project started in October 2011 and is complete.



The 37ML Reservoir on Naval Hill is the first phase of a planned 70ML additional reservoir capacity for Mangaung to provide emergency storage capacity for the eastern developments. It will be the main supply reservoir to the N8 corridor development..



In pursuit of stopping illegal dumping acts in the city, Deputy Executive Mayor, Cllr. Connie Rampai launched the 'Woza Friday' cleaning campaign which targets areas with illegal dumping spots.



Thousands of site permits and title deeds were handed over to residents of Mangaung over the course of 2014. By handing over title deeds, the city seeks to ensure tenure security and sense of ownership for occupants who were denied this right during the apartheid era.

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Remembering Bram Fischer

The Executive Mayor, Cllr. Thabo Manyoni, joined by Minister of Science and Technology Naledi Pandor and Free State premier Ace Magashule, amongst others, launched the 1st Annual Bram Fischer Memorial Lecture on 23 April 2014. The lecture is in partnership with the Central University of Technology and the University of Free State. Through this memorial lecture, the city seeks to sustain the legacy of the icon Bram Fischer, in order to educate and inspire the entire nation, particularly the youth and students who are the future of our country.



Finance Roadshow ongoing



The MMC for Finance Cllr. Nthabiseng Mokotjo and City Manager Me. Sibongile Mazibuko in August launched the Mangaung Finance Road which sought to educate consumers on issues ranging from paying for municipal services to debt incentive scheme and the indigent register. The campaign is still continuing.



In celebration of the Heritage Month, the city hosted a heritage gala to celebrate the diversity found in South Africa, and also displayed this to a delegation which were in Bloemfontein attending the 'Freedom - Or Responsibility' conference. The conference was hosted in partnership with the University of Free State. The gala coincided with the executive mayor's farewell ceremony for Chris Mepha, who retired on September 30 as the Free State provincial officer for the Independent Electoral Commission.

Greening the city's open spaces



Greening Mangaung: The Executive Mayor Cllr. Thabo Manyoni and council in general has undertaken to turn open and unused spaces in Mangaung into recreational parks which will be of better use for their respective communities. Following the opening of new parks in 2013, another park was refurbished in Phelindaba and opened for use in December 2014. This was followed by the re-opening of Hoffman Square, which has made one of Bloemfontein's landmark a green oasis. One of the major projects the city is currently working on is the construction of a regional park in Thaba Nchu, which will have amenities ranging from swings, an amphitheatre, outdoor gym and athletics track amongst others. This will be the first of other regional parks in Mangaung.



Mangaung a sports mecca



Thriving sports tourism destination: Mangaung played host to some premier sporting activities in 2014, a feat which cemented that the city is well on its way to becoming a sporting mecca. Top players from the continent competed on local ground for CHAN 2014, and that was followed by South Africa's Table Tennis Championships in July. On a rainy November morning, the city hosted the PPA Mangaung Cycle Tour, which was a seeding event for the 2015 Cape Argus. The city's sports calendar was concluded by the FIVB Mangaung Open International Beach Volleyball tournament, which some of the best players in the world battling it out at Rose Garden.



7th annual Ba2cada Soccer Tournament a success



Spectators at the final Ba2cada Soccer Tournament game were treated to a display of spectacular football by Gauteng Legends and Free State Legends before the final match which was won by Marikana FC



Cllr. Manyoni interacting with crowds at the games

Botshabelo was a hive of activity between the 15th and 30th of December during the 7th Annual Ba2Cada Soccer Tournament which saw grassroots soccer teams from Bloemfontein, Botshabelo and Thaba Nchu outplaying each other for the ultimate R45 000 money prize and bragging rights.

The soccer fair, partly sponsored by the city, has gone from a small grass-roots affair during the festive period to unearthing young commentators and launching soccer careers for talented youth from Mangaung.

The soccer tournament was won by Botshabelo

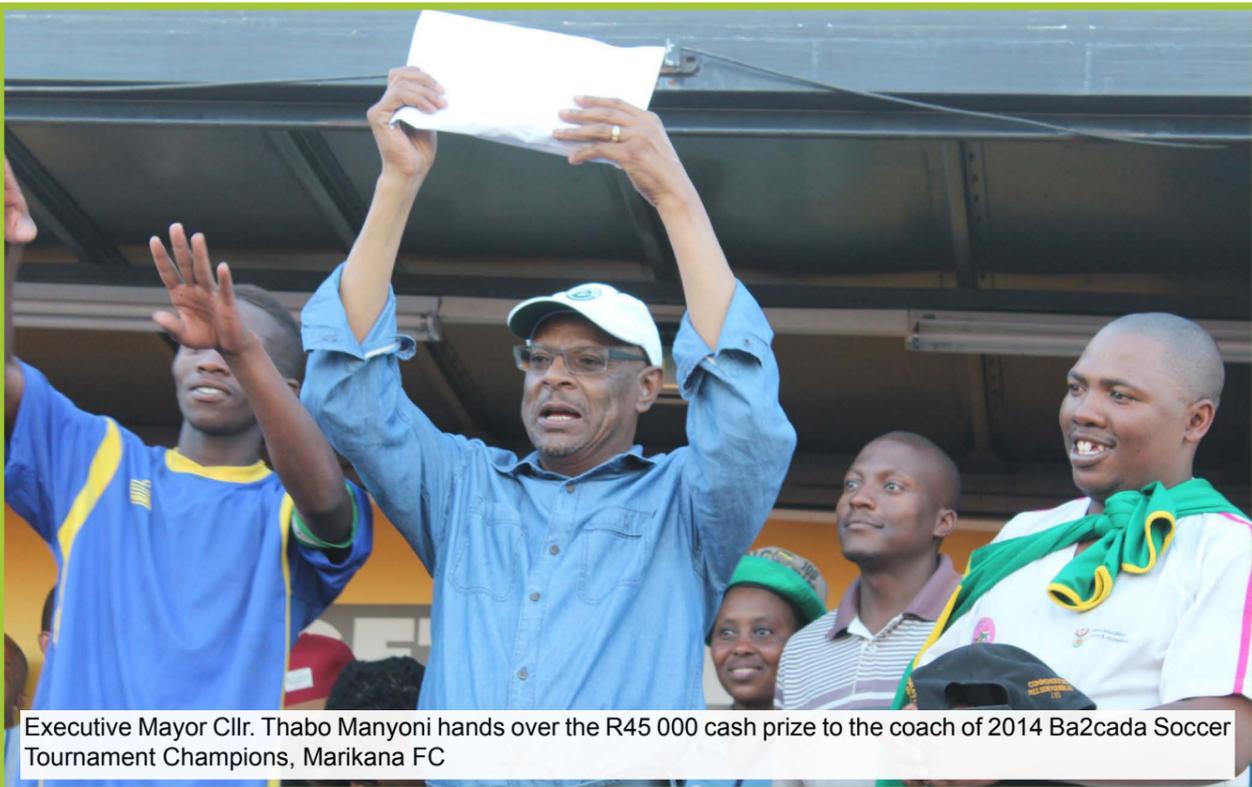
based club, Marikana FC. Spectators were also treated to an aptly named Legends Match, which saw former soccer greats from Gauteng taking on those from Free State.

The Executive Mayor commended pioneer of the games, Nyakallo 'Ba2cada' Leine for contributing towards sports development in the city, and also ensuring that youngsters have something they can invest their energy into during the festive period.

A round of applause was given for one Botshabelo-based player who was invited for a trial session at the Kaizer Chiefs camp in Naturena by Doctor Khumalo.



Introduction of players to the Executive Mayor



Executive Mayor Cllr. Thabo Manyoni hands over the R45 000 cash prize to the coach of 2014 Ba2cada Soccer Tournament Champions, Marikana FC



Both young and old from Botshabelo and beyond gathered at H-Section for the final afternoon of football on 30 December



A Botshabelo-based player and man of the match was invited for a trial session at the Kaizer Chiefs camp in Naturena by Doctor Khumalo, who played for Gauteng Legends