

# Mayor completes 100 day programme



**Rustenburg** – The Executive Mayor of Rustenburg, Cllr. Mpho Khunou, handed over 965 VIP toilets and a water supply reticulation project to the community of Ikageng in an event that brought to an end what has been a dramatic 100 day programme (8 September 2011).

The VIP toilets and water supply reticulation project will go a very long way in uplifting the standard of living for the majority of people living in the area as they were living without proper ablution facilities and scarce running water.

Speaking to the Platinum Weekly after the hand-

over, the Head of Communications at the Rustenburg Local Municipality – Mr. Nketu Matima – said the toilets and water system were part of a broader initiative by the Municipality of attending to the needs of the people. He said it was a clear demonstration of the serious approach, on the part of the mayor, towards issues related to service delivery in the fastest growing city in the country.

He said, “The 100 day programme has now come to an end. The handing-over of the toilets and water system you have just witnessed here is part of the 100 day programme which seeks to accelerate

service delivery in the city.

However, the end of this 100 day programme does not mean that the work is finished. In the coming days, we will be unpacking some of the programmes that the mayor will be leading as we forge ahead.”

The 100 day programme has taken the mayor and his team to a number of areas in the city where various projects have been undertaken to uplift communities living in that area. In a lot of cases, the programme has been successful at creating employment.



Speaker Cllr Matthew Wolmarans



## Mayoral Imbizo forges ahead

**Rustenburg** – The Rustenburg Local Municipality celebrated the donation of 50 indigenous trees to the Boikagong School. Learners and educators joined in on a festive tree planting ceremony at the school on Wednesday 7 September, all part of the Mayoral Imbizo.

The Executive Mayor of Rustenburg, Cllr. Mpho Khunou and some MMCs attended this tree-planting ceremony, an carbon offsetting initiative (countermeasure) initiated by RRT (Rustenburg Rapid Transport). Research went into assessing the environmental impact of the RRT launch, and thereafter a local school was selected to benefit from the trees bought by the Rustenburg Municipality to offset the carbon generated. In his keynote address, Cllr. Mpho Khunou reiterated, “All of the country’s new public transport systems are designed to ensure that they contribute towards achieving South Africa’s aim to reduce carbon emissions growth by 34% by the year 2020.

Every city, including ours, has an important part to play in this. Throughout the implementation of this public transport project, we will not only be boosting the economic growth of our city, but ensuring that careful consideration goes into offsetting the project through greening initiatives like this one that directly benefit the Rustenburg community and surrounding areas.” During the ceremony, learners at the school entertained guests by singing while the school Principal, Mr. Moses Motsilenyane, thanked the Mayor and the Rustenburg

Local Municipality for their support. Meanwhile, the Rustenburg Local Municipality in partnership with Fujain Chinese Community Association recently donated food parcels to people from Lefaragattha village as well as the Mmaditlhokwa informal settlement. This forms part of the Rustenburg local Municipality and Chinese association food handout drive for 2011, which takes place annually. The joint venture started in 2007 after the association realised that they have to assist the underprivileged community members in a form of distributing food parcels and blankets. Rustenburg Local Municipality in partnership with Funjain Chinese Community Association (FCCA) distributed 200 food parcels to Lefaragattha and 200 to Mmaditlhokwa where a high rate of destitute people resides.

Executive Mayor of Rustenburg, Cllr. Mpho Khunou explained during his speech that they are going to strengthen the partnership with the association so that the programme can continue in the years to come. “Developments must not be for residents who only reside in urban areas; it must be unfolded to the villages and informal settlements. As the new Council which was elected on the 1st of June 2011, we want to see improvements particularly in the vicinities where there is a shortage of basic services such as water, electricity, roads and housing,” he also pointed out. Present at the event were the Speaker of Council, Cllr. Mathews Wolmarans and seven members of the Mayoral Committee who assisted in handing out donations.



Executive Mayor of Rustenburg Local Municipality, Cllr. Mpho Khunou



Boikagong Secondary School, Principal Moses Motsilenyane