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During the month of October, the Department continued to implement its programmes in full force. The flagship programme which is the Mangaung Af-

rican Cultural Festival (MACUFE) was also staged though the month of October. The Department would like to express its deepest gratitude and appreciation to the

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ward trajectory with a total of 34 out of 65 artists participating in the festival. This means that over 50% of artists were Free State based artists. The MACUFE Homebrew programme, a developmental programme meant to provide participation opportunities exclusively for local artists, provided this opportunity to about 145 Free State based artists.

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This newsletter reflects on all other programmes that were activated during the month of

October. These programmes illustrate the nature of service delivery that the Department continues to roll out. The Rural Sport Development Programme Finals as well as the annual O.R Tambo Games served as the torchlight of programmes that we implemented during that month. Both these programmes are hosted with the primary purpose of promoting sport and uncovering raw talent in our disadvantaged communities. Well done to the Lejweleputswa District for winning the overall prize in the 16th edition of the O.R. Tambo games.



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FREE STATE PROVINCE

DEPARTMENT OF SPORT, ARTS AND CULTURE LAUNCHES ORANGE DAY CAMPAIGN



Our country continues to face alarming proportions of Gender Based Violence and Femicide amidst several strides by government and civil society to address this pandemic. The country's vulnerable members are hit the most, predominantly our women and our girls.

Deputy Minister for the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, Ms Nocawe Mafu launched the ORANGE DAY campaign on the 25th November 2021 at the National Library in Pretoria. In a bid to reaf-

firm and intensify government stance on Gender Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF), and to break the silence against all forms of violence, the Free State Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation through its Special Programmes Unit, also launched the Orange Day Campaign provincially in response to the National Strategic Plan (NSP) on Gender Based Violence pillar two (2) that speaks to prevention and rebuilding social cohesion.

This campaign to raise awareness about the pandemic of violence against

women and girls is commemorated as ORANGE DAY and is celebrated globally on the 25th of every month, with the aim of raising public awareness. ORANGE DAY is a targeted approach to scale up and fast-track efforts to empower young girls and women as well as to:

- 1) Raise awareness and educate young women and men about Gender Based Violence.
- 2) Involve the young women and men in providing solutions for the scourge
- 3) Motivate the young women and men to be positive

community members.

During September 2020, the Bloemspruit area in Mangaung was declared as number 17 out of 30 Gender Based Violence hotspots in the country. The list was compiled based on nine key variables, including the number of cases reported to SAPS during the 2019/2020 financial year. The provincial launch of the ORANGE DAY campaign was held at Lemo Mall which is a shopping centre in close proximity of the Bloemspruit Police Station.

Hosted in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and Bloemfontein Civil Society Organizations, the campaign activations were aimed at breaking the silence on violence against men, women, and children, and to further galvanize action to end any form of violence and abuse. Acting Head of Department for DSACR in the province, Mme Zola Thamae spoke about the importance of recognizing the red flags and signs and acting on them. "We lost a colleague in a very brutal manner

to GBV, the signs were there but we were not able to assist her because she was alienated from everyone. As we emphasize the significance of creating awareness on violence against women and children, we should also not turn a blind eye to violence that men also sometimes experience from women. GBV is a pandemic that affects everyone in one way or another, it is up to us to stand together to fight and eradicate this scourge”, said Thamae.



DSACR IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LENGAU CHORAL MUSIC ASSOCIATION (LECMA) HOSTS CHORAL COMPETITION

The Free State Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation in partnership with the Lengau Choral Music Association (LECMA), hosted the Provincial Choral Eisteddfod. The LECMA Eisteddfod is an annual programme that started 12 years ago.

70 choirs from all nine (9) provinces

of the country as well as Lesotho took part in the competition which was held under the theme, “Celebrating our choral legends in choral style”. Participants competed in four (4) categories namely; Interdenominational section, development section, standard section and large section. **The results are as follows:**



CHOIR	RESULT	PRIZE
Overall Results Interdenominational Section		
URC Melodies	1	R 20 000 + Trophy
Mofumahali oa Tlholo	2	R 15 000 + Trophy
Maseru LECSA	3	R 10 000 + Trophy
Overall Results Standard Section		
Soshanguve	1	R 20 000 + Trophy
Sterkspruit Prestigious	2	R 15 000 + Trophy
Rearabetswe	3	R 10 000 + Trophy
Overall Results Development Section		
Roma Chorus	1	R10 000 + Trophy
Dawid Kruiper	2	R 7 000 + Trophy
Qalabotjha Sec	3	R 5 000 + Trophy
Overall Results Large Section		
Free State Choristers	1	R 50 000 + Trophy
Thabong Chorus	2	R 30 000 + Trophy
Vaal University of Technology	3	R 20 000 + Trophy
Best Conductor:	Mr Katlego Maphakela	
Best Dressed Choir	Free State SAPS Choir	
Chairman's Award	Mr Sidwell Mhlongo	



MACUFE 2022 OUTCOMES



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Attendance at the various shows was

satisfactory with venues filled to full capacity indicative of the level of public interest that continues to manifest itself in this festival. From a safety and security, logistics and economic opportunities point of view the festival has also demonstrated itself as a festival of note. No major security incidents were reported or encountered.

As done previously, a broader socio-economic impact study will be commissioned

to assess the actual socio-economic impact of the festival on the economy of the province and the municipality in particular.

Reflecting on the successes of MACUFE 2022, the Member of the Executive Council for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation, Mrs. Limakatso Mahasa noted that: "Undoubtedly, MACUFE 2022 was a success even beyond our expectations given the two (2) years absence due to COVID-19. What-

ever challenges of the moment shouldn't cloud the successes that have been recorded in 2022 and even during the past 23 years of hosting of this festival. We thank our patrons, partners, stakeholders and the broader communities for appreciating the challenges that were confronted while also supporting the festival".



2022 O.R TAMBO GAMES



The Free State Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation in collaboration with Lejweleputswa District Municipality, Matjhabeng Local Municipality and Sport and Recreation Councils hosted the 2022 OR Tambo Games from 29-30 October 2022 in Thabong, Welkom. This was the 16th edition of the tournament since it was launched in 2005. The games were preceded by a gala dinner and

memorial lecture in honour of Oliver Reginald Tambo on Friday the 28th October 2022. Mr Mojalefa Simango who was the guest of honour and Memorial Lecture Presenter emphasized the importance of young people following their dreams and striving to make sure that the life they will one day live will be better than the lives lived by their parents. “There are so many career opportunities in sport and the

arts, it is up to you to ensure that you use your God given talent to better your lives. People like Mr Oliver Reginald Tambo paved a way for you, they fought against the apartheid regime so that you are able to live in a country with endless opportunities”, stated Mr Simango. The aim of the OR Tambo games is to promote sport and recreation in the province and through these games players have been selected to

represent the province at national and international level. The games begin at ward level through municipalities until provincial level. The best players then get selected to represent their districts at the finals. Provincial and national talent scouts also use these games to identify future stars that will be groomed to represent the province in professional clubs at national level. Three districts and the metro took

part in the games and the following sporting codes were played:

1. Netball
2. Softball
4. Athletics / Track events
5. Volleyball
6. Football

Congratulations and well done to all the participants and winners. Well done to Lejweleputswa District for being crowned the overall winner of the 16th edition of the OR Tambo games.



PROVINCIAL RURAL SPORT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FINALS



On the 22nd October 2022, the Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation, in partnership with the Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality, Mafuti A Phofung Local Municipality, Free State House of Traditional Leaders, Netball, Football and Athletics Federations hosted the annual Provincial Rural Sport Development Programme provincial finals in Phuthaditjhaba, Qwaqwa. The Rural Sport Development programme (RSDP) is aimed at developing sport and providing a

platform for the youth in rural areas to showcase their talents in various sporting codes such as netball and football. The programme is focused on areas that are under Traditional Leadership and this programme was launched nationally in 2016.

The programme currently has sixty-five (65) U/13 & sixty-eight (68) U/15 male football clubs and eight (8) female football clubs. We also have ten (10) U/15 netball & eight (8) under nineteen clubs and eight (8) athletics clubs. All these clubs

took part in leagues as per their streams and had registered with the relevant federations. These leagues started in April 2022 and the two teams topping the log represented their streams at the finals in Phuthaditjhaba, Qwaqwa. Since the conceptualization of the programme in the year 2017. The programme has grown in leaps and bounds. Athletes, coaches, and technical officials have reaped the benefits of this programme through accredited coaches and technical officials' trainings. Through the pro-

gramme, talented players are afforded an opportunity to attend the trials at SAFA Transnet School of Excellence. Myelazi Mofokeng is one player of note who is a beneficiary of the Rural Sport Development Programme. The RSDP leagues developed and sparked his sporting career in an astounding way. The programme further prides itself with qualified football coaches holding D-License (a course that allows the coach to train children and youth) and CAF C-license (a course

that trains coaches and develops their basic techniques and skills in football). Netball also has level 1 coaches and umpires. Most disadvantaged communities, particularly in the rural areas and areas under traditional leadership still require a structured and focused sport development programme. The Rural Sport Development Programme is therefore one such programme aimed at uplifting sport in rural communities.



MACUFE HOMEBREW LITERARY FESTIVAL (LITFEST)

The LitFest is an annual gathering of literary practitioners from all districts of the Free State. The festival started in 2008 and as it grew the festival attracted practitioners from as far as the Eastern Cape, Northern Cape and the North West as well as linguistic and literary stakeholders.

The objective of this festival is to afford literary practitioners the

exposure to creative workshops, launching and marketing recently completed literary work, creating a network platform for literary practitioners of the Free State and showcasing emerging literary talent and honouring literary veterans.

During the 2022 LitFest which took place on the 06-07 October 2022 in Mangaung, Mme Emely Selemeng

Mokorosi was honoured for the excellent work that she has done in the literary sector. Nkgono Selemeng Mokorosi (95) was the first black women to write a Sesotho poetry book in 1951. The Department saw it befitting to honour this remarkable woman and recognize her for paving the way for black women in the literary sector.



Nkgono Emely Amy Selemeng Mokorosi (Born on 31 October 1926)

Qualifications

- Bachelor of Education (National University of Lesotho),
- Diploma in Dressmaking, Designing and Tailoring
- Certificate in Home Economics, Nutrition & Health (Bath College, Great Britain)
- Higher Primary Teachers Certificate (Moriija)

Work Experience

- Teaching
- Advisor at various organisations
- Coach and Head of Department of Economic Development in rural areas
- Worked at a university library
- President of the Lesotho Manufacturers Association
- President of the Lesotho Home Makers Association
- Vice-President of International Women's Alliance;
- Coordinator of the International Women's Alliance in the Eastern and Southern African Ward
- Councillor of Central Maseru
- Deputy Mayor of Maseru
- Chairperson of Women Church Organisations
- Elder and member of Consistory and Synod

Organisations and Associations

- International Women's Alliance, Triennial Conference: Liberia
- 4th Women's World Conference in 1995: Beijing
- Lesotho Planned Parenthood Association
- She represented the church in committees like the Christian Council of Lesotho, World Alliance of Reformed Churches
- Member of Sesotho Language Academy
- Member of LESIBA (Lekgotla la Sesotho le Ikemetseng la Bangodi)

Special Achievements

- Was invited by Pastor RA Paroz, Switzerland, to assist in editing the Sesotho Translation of the Bible
- Dined with the Pope, Vatican City, Rome
- Visited Jerusalem
- The first woman to write a Sesotho poetry book, in 1951.



ANNUAL ZASTRON CULTURAL FESTIVAL



Heritage services supported the annual Zastron Cultural Festival organised by Matla Tourism Youth Organization. This festival included a community conversation held on 5 October 2022 which showcased young talent in Zastron.

This event by the youth is important as it brings awareness on the rich history of the Free State as well as its heritage landscape. The festival included a soccer tournament amongst other things. There were also performances such as poetry,

dance, and presentations focusing on social ills faced by the youth. This annual event which started in 2019 aims to honour the late Mr Lucas Majozi (1916-1969) who joined the South African army during the Second World War. He origi-

inated from Rouxville and settled in Zastron in the Free State. He became a stretcher bearer during the War and was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for his conduct and act of bravery when he continued to assist fallen soldiers even

when he himself was badly injured. He carried wounded men back to the regimental first aid post. Majozi is remembered for his dedication and outstanding work during WW II. The house of Mr Lucas Majozi has also been nominated as a heritage site.

