



**NCPT**

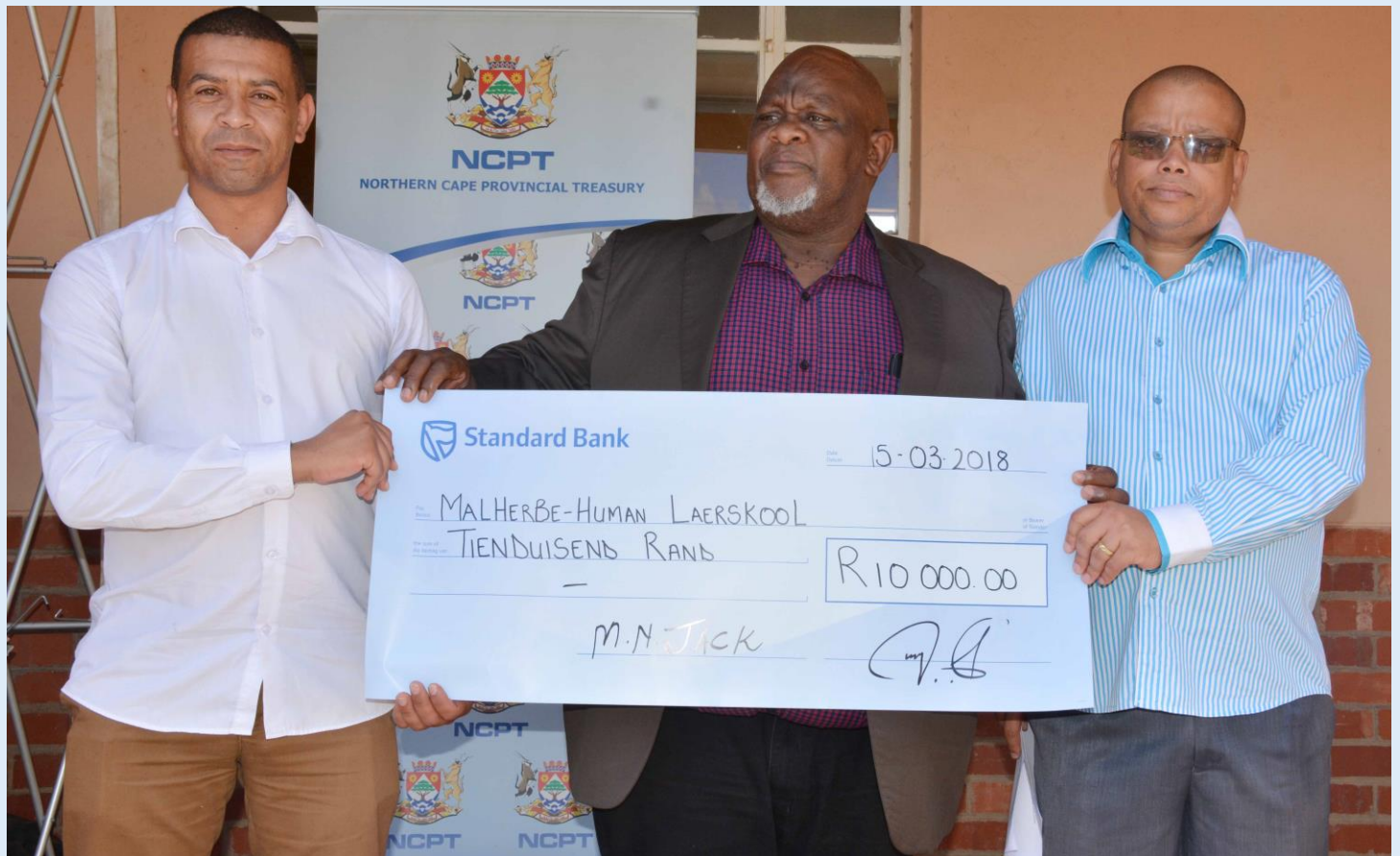
**NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCIAL TREASURY**

We serve with passion. We deliver on time.

# HEARTBEAT

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCIAL TREASURY

Jan - Mar 2018



The above pictures are from the recent EXCO Outreach Programme, Departmental Strategic Planning Session and the Provincial Budget Speech, respectively.....



## *Editor's Note*

SOUTHERN CAPE PROVINCIAL TR



### Dear Reader

As 2018 kicks off, we hope it will present better opportunities for all NCPT employees, by presenting prosperity in our private lives as well as development and progress in the public sphere. I wish you all the best as we begin another journey of challenges, victories, lessons and changes.

A lot was achieved in 2017 through our social responsibility programmes by ensuring that communities identified that have a dire need were provided with supporting materials and other necessary goods. We have also strengthened our oversight support to municipalities - building and creating an enabling environment for improved financial management through monitoring and support.

With regard to our website, I would like to extend a special thanks to those who have continued to visit and help to improve on it. There are updates circulars throughout the year, so check it regularly to be informed and to help us with current content.  
[www.ncpt.gov.za](http://www.ncpt.gov.za)

We hope that all the Christian brothers and sisters will celebrate this year's Easter peacefully. It is in our collective interest to live in peace because without peace, no meaningful and sustainable development can take place in our lives and work place.

We hope that our articles will create dialogue amongst colleagues, provoke thoughts, and stimulate further interest in our future stories. I also hope that this newsletter will prompt many of you to consider telling your stories through us.

Thank you again for your support throughout 2017, let the reading journey continue.



# MEC Jack Renders Budget Overview

*By: Masego Masilo*

The MEC for Finance, Economic Development and Tourism Mac Jack presented the Provincial budget on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at the Mittah Seperepere Convectional Centre in Kimberley. He stated that the budget is not about the numbers, but about the people, desires, needs and hopes. The MEC also mentioned that the budget seeks to improve efficiency and effectiveness in spending within the available provincial resources, in order to stimulate economic activity and supplement the ever dwindling equitable share which will become more important for the province to look at its own revenue collection measures.

The MEC further stated that the biggest allocation, worth R64 billion will go to education to revitalise the system in the province. He also mentioned that the main key priorities in education includes extending the no-fee school policy, expanding the nutrition programme, reducing class sizes in schools, etc.

MEC also mentioned that one of the major challenges regarding the municipalities is to collect revenue from creditors. He indicated that the revenue was shrinking and there was a need to come up with ways of dealing with this matter. Motor Vehicle licence increased from 246 million to 277 million, Patient's fees from 55 million to 61 million and casino taxes from 33 Million to 36 million.

The compensation of employees will remain the cost driver and account for 47 billion or 77 % of the total budget for 2018/19 financial year, adding on salary adjustment that was higher than what was budgeted for. An amount of 240 million over 2018 medium expenditure programme is provided to deal with this shortfall.

He mentioned that infrastructure expenditure is essential for effective service delivery, sustainable economic growth and job creation. Infrastructure budgeted for the province amounts to 8.346 billion over the 2018 Medium Term Expenditure Framework. Spending in 2018/19 financial year will focus on upgrading, maintenance and repairs to the existing provincial structures. Mac Jack assured taxpayers that monies allocated to different departments and entities would be used to better society with the key focus being to change the lives of the poor.

He concluded that the context of the budget and realities of our current situation leaves very little room for major new spending, emphasising on tightening the belts on these budget allocated to ensure monies are used wisely for service delivery purposes.





## Treasury Gears Up To Be More Proactive and Responsive



*By: Galaletsang Mfecane*

The Treasury management team gathered at Marrick Safari Lodge recently to have robust discussions, crafted thoughts and opinions on the future direction of the department. They were to identify and unlock blockages that impede their participation in the implementation of the departmental vision "the heartbeat of sound financial management".

In his opening remarks the Acting HOD, Mr Thami Mabija said he hoped that the quarterly review and strategic planning session will not be a talk show or an outing, but it must forge an implementable clear programme of action document.

The two-day away from offices opportunity which gathered the best knowledge the department has, not only becomes a platform for all to know each other beyond the name and title but a wakeup call for management to realise the need to operate from a collective principle in order to achieve the desired results.

The review came at an opportune time, as there has been a significant change in the political and administrative leadership of the country. It prompted the assessment of the current state and performance to craft a new way forward for the department, to fully take on all its responsibilities of leadership and stewardship in the Province.

The following were amongst the issues discussed:

- Moratorium guidelines to be established in consultation with Office of the Premier,
- parking tariff setting to be reviewed,
- calendar of events to be submitted to Communications Unit for proper coordination,
- funding requirements for priority projects and capacity shortages to be established to ensure proper budgeting, and
- Supply Chain Management to be capacitated to enable achievement of objectives.

After all, it was evident that Treasury needs to better manage priorities and allocate resources flexibly. The responsibility for the implementation of all the resolutions lies with management to report regularly on the progress to both the HOD and MEC.





## Day Care Centre Gets Needed Aid



*By: Masego Masilo*

As part of Treasury's corporate social responsibility initiative towards social upliftment in the community, the department delivered most needed teaching material to a crèche during the month of December 2017.

The department visited Boikanyo Day Care Centre located in Glenred village (John Taole Gaetsewe), which is a small poor community that survives from social grants. This crèche, under the management of Mme Mahume has 45 children from 0 - 5 years. It is registered as a non-profit organisation and depends on funding from the Department of Social Development that mainly provides for the teachers'

stipends.

The donation which was worth R10 000 was used to buy educational toys, ten sponge mattresses, carpets, thirty small chairs and seven small tables. This initiative was a partnership with the department's male officials during the 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children campaign.

## Facilities Deliver

*By: Ashwin Oliphant*

The Facilities Management directorate does not turn a blind eye and let work stand-still.

When the handyman in the department was off sick, the team worked relentlessly to fill the gap.

The manager of the section personally put on an overall to battle licking water pipes, fix door handles and replace bulbs.

In March the Sol Plaatjie municipality area experienced water interruptions, and the team worked industriously to fill water buckets for officials who were attending the Internal Audit Training at Templar.

The directorate truly lives by the motto of the department – 'We serve with passion. We deliver on time'. *Kudos to them!*







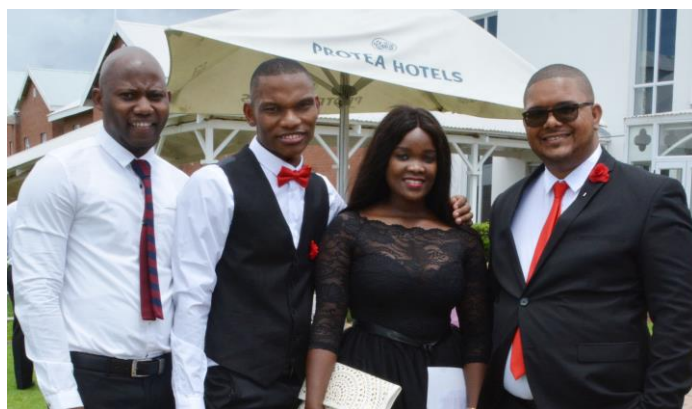
**By: Tshidi Monethi**

The South African Institute of Professional Accountants (SAIPA) describes itself on its website as “one of South Africa’s foremost accountancy institutes that plays an important role in ensuring that its members are able to optimise their accountancy practices or add value to their employers in the corporate world, and, by so doing, create additional wealth for the country and its people”.

Ntosh Phori who ensured SAIPA’s presence in Kimberley to the benefit of the Northern Cape Province – confirms that the institution certainly delivers as per its commitment.

Ntosh, who is employed in the Accounting Services directorate elatedly recounts where her journey with SAIPA started. She mentions that Ms. Soso Asiya - Senior Manager Norms and Standard, requested her to apply and to share the information with suitable persons. Excited that she’ll finally accomplish her aspiration to become an accountant, she submitted an application to SAIPA.

She subsequently forwarded the information to departments and municipalities’ colleagues who met the requirements of a BCom degree in accounting, auditing, management accounting and taxation with six years of working experience in the accounting field.



Promptly, SAIPA approved her application and immediately she found herself in a highly thought-provoking accounting lecture of approximately 200 students facilitated by Professor Rasheed Small.

It was her engagement with Professor Small that led to the roll-out of the programme in Kimberley and Upington respectively. Prof. Small requested Ntosh to get 15 students, but she surpassed the request and gathered 80 students throughout the province. To date, forty-two graduated and nineteen of them came from Treasury. Those who did not write or meet the competency level will rewrite in November.

Although she will not facilitate the upcoming intake, she appeals to colleagues who possess a BCom degree or diploma with 6 years of work experience in accounting or finance to apply. The next intake is in May 2018 and application forms can be obtained from SAIPA contacts, namely [LMAidi@saipa.co.za](mailto:LMAidi@saipa.co.za) or [hramakhetheng@saipa.co.za](mailto:hramakhetheng@saipa.co.za).

Colleagues may also visit [www.saipa.co.za](http://www.saipa.co.za)

In her final remarks she pours unreserved accolades to ‘the employer of choice’ for giving her the opportunity to study further. She will graduate with a post-graduate diploma in Risk Management from UNISA in May this year. Congratulations to her!

*“I must say it was not easy but with God nothing is impossible and I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”, says Ntosh Phori.*



## People On The Move



**Goememang Vilakazi**  
DD: Capacity  
Development



**Lesego Kantani**  
DD: Accounting  
Services



**Kagiso Poha**  
SCM Clerk: Logistics



**Naledi Mocumi**  
HRA Practitioner



**Olebogeng Mokae**  
SCM: Clerk:  
Acquisition



**Tshegofatso Boikanyo**  
SCM Clerk: Acquisition

## Provincial Budget Speech





## Provincial Budget Speech continued....



## EXCO Outreach Programme/Strategic Planning Session

