

# WATERWORX

*The official newsletter of Magalies Water*



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## EDITOR'S NOTE

*The real voyage of discovery is not seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes.*

– Marcel Proust

Another quarter has gone by and we are delighted to publish our second edition of **WATERWORX**. We received positive feedback on the first publication and we are thankful for the continued support.

Much has transpired during Quarter 1 of 2020 and some of the changes include a new Board that joined Magalies Water in July. We wish them all the best during their tenure.

We also had to adapt to a new way of doing things due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Both Women's Day and Heritage Day were celebrated virtually as we had to observe the COVID-19 regulations. To watch the Heritage Day video, the publication may be viewed as an MP4 video on the Magalies Water television screens at the various plants.

As we slowly ease back into normalcy, let us remain cautious and continue to wear our masks, social distance and sanitize. We hope you enjoy going through all the pages in this edition.

# Magalies Water

## Welcomes New Interim Board

Magalies Water recently welcomed its new interim Board. In accordance with Schedule 1 of the Water Services Act, 1997 (Act 108 of 1997), the Minister of Water and Sanitation, Lindiwe Sisulu, appointed an interim Board effective from 01/07/2020.

The Minister issued the previous Board with letters of appreciation on 30th June 2020 and thanked them for their services during their tenure. The new Board was formally welcomed at an induction session held on the 22nd of July 2020.

The interim Board is comprised of 10 experienced members with different expertise and have been mandated with full accounting authority to perform their strategic roles and oversight functions in line with prescribed regulatory acts and regulations.

We wish them all the best during their tenure.



**Ms Pinky Mokoto**  
**Chairperson of the Board**



**Dr Thembinkosi Twalo**  
**Deputy Chairperson of the Board**



**Seated Left - Right:** Ms Ertia Mokgatle, Mr Sandile Mkhize (CE), Ms Pinky Mokoto (Chairperson), Mr Itumeleng Mosala and Ms Bukeka Mahlutshana

**Standing Left - Right:** Dr Thembinkosi Twalo (Deputy Chairperson), Dr Lydia Sebego, Mr Likotsi Morienyane, Mr Motiki Shoahle, Ms Magogodi Malaka and Mr Vuyani Magqabi



**Stakeholder engagement meeting between Magalies Water and Kgetlengrivier Local Municipality.**

## Board Stakeholder Engagement

On the 1st of September 2020, the Chairperson of the Board, Ms Pinky Mokoto, accompanied by Board members and the Executive administrative team led by the CEO, Mr Sandile Mkhize, met with the delegation from Kgetlengrivier Local Municipality.

The delegation from Kgetlengrivier Local Municipality was led by the Executive Mayor, Cllr A. Selaledi who was accompanied by the Municipal Manager, Mr J. Mogale and the Technical Manager, Mr W. Maluleke.

The meeting was one of many planned that aims to not only introduce the Interim Board to its stakeholders but to also engage in matters of importance, forge new partnerships and ensure good relations are maintained with those already established.

The Chairperson of the Board indicated the importance for Magalies Water to ensure it provides the necessary support or intervention

to municipalities within its area of supply.

As part of the on-going stakeholder engagements, the Board further met the Thabazimbi Local Municipality Leadership on the 10th of September 2020.

The municipal delegation was led by the Speaker, Ms Thane Hearne. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the interim Board with a view of strengthening relations and exploring new opportunities.



**Stakeholder engagement meeting between Magalies Water and Thabazimbi Local Municipality.**



*Chairperson of the Board, Ms Pinky Mokoto*

## Women's Day Celebration

Women's Day holds a great significance in South Africa and has become a custom to celebrate women year after year. It is the celebration of respect, appreciation, love and care towards women in our lives and in the society. We were led by exceptional front-runners in 1956 when approximately 20 000 women marched to the Union Buildings against the country's pass laws at that time and ever since each generation has had its unique way of recognising the impact made by women.

Under the theme 'The Incredible Woman', the 2020 Magalies Water Women's Day Celebration was conducted in a unique way. Held on a virtual platform (at various sites), the celebration included a keynote address from the new Chairperson of the Board, Ms Pinky Mokoto (accompanied by the newly appointed female board members) spoke about the importance of uplifting one another as women in the workplace. She further reiterated the need for women to be the change-drivers in society, "we must empower one another and ourselves and understand that

each and every woman is special and is making a difference to the world around her. "Wathint' Umfazi, Wathint' Imbokodo" (you strike a woman, you strike a rock), let these words of our forebears resonate within our everyday lives as we continue to fight and rise against oppression, powerlessness and subjugation," said Mokoto.

Guest speaker, Mr Martin Manamela also encouraged the ladies with a vibrant speech pertaining to self-love, appreciation and forgiveness. He also provided all ladies with a copy of his book entitled 'The Incredible Woman', a book about incredible women who managed to turn their lives around by conquering their negative experiences and becoming pillars of strength not only in their own live, but within their communities as well.

Approximately 70 of Magalies Water ladies joined in from various venues and places through the virtual platform provided. We thank the IT department for a successful virtual event, which was the first of its kind for Magalies Water.



*Guest Speaker, Mr Martin Manamela*

## Women's Day Continued



# Staff Information Session

On 23 August 2020, Chief Executive Officer of Magalies Water, Mr Sandile Mkhize, hosted a successful staff information session at the Magalies Water's Head Office, where he updated employees on the company's performance over the past three financial years. This was the first of many others that are to be held across all of Magalies Water sites in the future.



**Staff attending the information session**



**Mr Sandile Mkhize addressing staff**

## Heritage Day

This is an annual celebration that takes place on the 24th of September 2020 and recognizes the various cultures within South Africa. It is also a national holiday. However, due to the COVID 19 pandemic, Magalies Water staff could not come together to celebrate the day on the 23rd of September 2020 as usual.



Heeding the President's call in his speech made on the 16th of September 2020, some Magalies Water employees, whilst observing social distancing, took part in the #JerusalemaDanceChallenge dressed in their traditional attire.

Videos of the dance were sent to the Marketing and Communications Department these were subsequently compiled it into one 2-minute video which was posted on Facebook and Twitter.



**#JerusalemaDanceChallenge -**  
**This video may be viewed on**  
**Magalies Water television**  
**screens across all plants.**

# Dr Vahangwele Masindi Wins Award

Congratulations are in order for Magalies Water's very own Dr. Vahangwele Masindi who is a Research Scientist based at the Scientific Services Lab in Brits. Dr. Masindi won an award after making it through as a finalist in four categories at the prestigious 2019/2020 NSTF-South32 Awards.

The awards ceremony took place on 30 July 2020 at a live-streamed gala event held in celebration of South African excellence through its flagship 'National Science and Technology Forum' project. The project pays particular recognition for outstanding contributions to Science, Engineering, Technology and Innovation through research and development.

For his contribution, Dr. Masindi received the TW Kambule-NSTF Award: Emerging Researcher for his 'specialisation in the valorization and beneficiation of wastewater through drinking water reclamation and minerals synthesis'.

It is an honour to be nominated, an outstanding achievement to reach the finals and an incredible celebration of excellence to win an award and Dr. Masindi achieved all three.

Furthermore, he is also a Principal Researcher at the Council for Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), a Research Fellow at Unisa and a Part-time Lecturer at the University of Venda.

**Keep up the good work and continue inspiring young people!**



**Dr Vahangwele Masindi**

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Zakhele Mahlalela  
Congratulations to our own Dr



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