

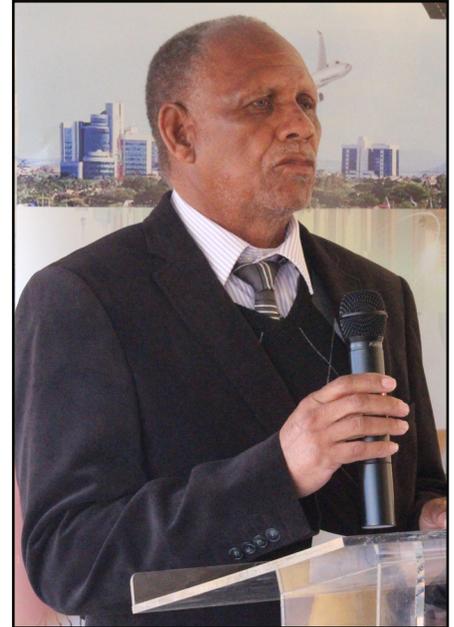
MAHALAPYE DISTRICT SHOW GIVEN A FACE LIFT



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Tshenolo Mabeo**



**Board Member:
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**Mahalapye Kgosi:
Kgosi Duncan Segotsi**



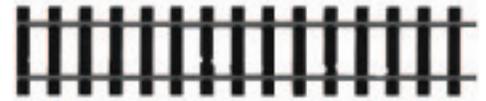
**Botswana Railways C.E.O:
Mr. Dominic R. Ntwaagae**



Situated Along the Mahalapye - Shoshong road, just a kilometer away from Parwe Junior Secondary School lies the Mahalapye District Show Grounds, a place once renowned as the gathering of all the Central Region agricultural farmers, now the home of old abandoned buildings with cracked windows, falling doors and the chilling spot for the nearby schools hooligans.

That is the story of what the Mahalapye District Show grounds used to be, upon realizing the need for the place to be resurrected, Botswana Railways took upon itself to revamp at least part of the grounds and involved some of its staff with the help of a builder to rehabilitate the Mahalapye District Show guard houses, the said building will be used to accommodate people who will be guarding against vandalism in the show grounds and were later handed to the show committee during the Community Service Day.

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The event, which was held on July 9, 2015 at the Mahalapye District Show, was graced by the presence of the Honourable Minister of Transport and Communications, Honourable Tshe-nolo Mabeo who congratulated Botswana Railways on such a great initiative and how proud it made him to be part of this Ministry.

"Allow me to share with you the good work that Botswana Railways is doing in an effort to uplift livelihoods in areas in the vicinity of their operations. As a good corporate citizen, Botswana Railways continues to do public good towards its stakeholders and the communities within which it operates." Said Honourable Mabeo.

He further commended the Organisation for all of its Corporate Social Responsibility work because it shows that indeed Botswana Railways is an Organisation for the people, in that it gives back to those in need and encourages sports welfare which is depicted by the teams which the Organ-

isation has under its wings such as Rail Giants, Mag-Stimela, Botrail Cycling team and BR Highlanders amongst others.

"Today we are here to bear witness to another milestone that would go along way in assisting in the social and economic landscape of Mahalapye and its surrounding villages for noble gesture to the farming Community which is a livelihood for most Batswana" continued Honourable Mabeo.

BR's Chief Executive Officer Mr. Dominic R. Ntwaagae, who was standing in for the BR Board Member shed light on why this particular project.

Mr. Ntwaagae said, Botswana Railways as the only parastatal in Botswana headquartered in a village, we are at times overwhelmed by the requests to assist in different ways. "Our Corporate Social Responsibility covers wide a range of issues and sometimes we are compelled to even go beyond the areas covered under our CSR Policy. As Botswana Railways we believe that we must always endeavour to help in

most value adding initiatives in areas in the vicinity of our operations," said Mr. Ntwaagae.

The Chief Executive Officer, informed the gathering that the Mahalapye District Show Committee has been a perennial visitor to BR offices, however, at that time Botswana Railways could not help them because the Organisation was constructing a house in Pal-laroad for a less privileged family.

Mr. Ntwaagae said Botswana Railways remained committed to this course of engaging in a project that would be beneficial to the whole community of Mahalapye and surrounding areas. "Since then, it has been the Organisation's dream to help the Mahalapye District Show and today we are proud to say these buildings are complete and look beautiful", he concluded.

BR DONATES TO MAHALAPYE DIKGOSI



Botswana Railways (BR) recently donated a refrigerator, a printer and two computers to the Mahalapye Tribal Administration Office.

The donations were handed over by the BR Executive Committee and received by Kgosi Duncan Segotsi of Mahalapye who expressed gratitude. He noted that it is a welcome gesture to see BR giving back which shows that indeed they care about the community. The Tribal leadership plays a paramount role in the economic and social affairs of the whole community, and the nation as a whole.



BR as the only parastatal headquartered in a village, in this case Mahalapye, has over the years of its existence formed and cultivated a formidable partnership with all the stakeholders in all the areas of its operations.

It is against this background that BR saw it fitting to assist the office with the donations to better their services and ensure that they deliver their mandate effectively and timely whilst keeping up with the ever-changing technology.

THE USE OF ELECTRONIC ACCESS CONTROL IN BOTSWANA RAILWAYS

Access control enables us to monitor whoever enters into Botswana Railways premises.

Locks and keys also allow us to secure our buildings, but when keys are lost or stolen, the inconvenience and expense of changing locks and re-issuing keys can be considerable. Keys may also be duplicated, creating even more security risks.

Botswana Railways have assets, staff and their property as well as its customers that need to be protected.

It is common in buildings that are secured by locks and keys for doors to be left unlocked all day. This opens up the possibility of opportunist theft and malicious damage.

Electronic access control provides the most efficient and convenient way of securing BR buildings and assets. Installing an access control system means that we will never have to change locks frequently. Access cards are issued to allow access through the controlled doors, and are easily barred from the system if they are lost, stolen or just not returned by someone who leaves the organization. Barred access cards will not allow access through the controlled doors.

Electronic Access control can also offer flexible control over users' access rights. For example, all staff can gain access through the main door of a building, but access to internal areas may be restricted to those who have a specific need to be there. Access may also be restricted by time, only granting access to particular users at certain times of day or night. If necessary, doors may be set to unlock during a designated time frame.

Electronic Access control offers a secure, convenient, flexible and cost effective way of controlling who gains entrance to Botswana Railways premises and when that access is allowed.

IMPORTANCE OF ACCESS CONTROL

Time Management:-

- Manage employee attendance.
- Monthly production report
- Late coming
- Overtime management.

NB: As per request from concerned section.





BR HIGHLANDERS ARE THE KINGS OF 'HOUSE OF LOVE' CHARITY CUP



BR Highlanders Football Club has won the "House of Love Charity Cup" after defeating Modipane United in the final of the four-team tournament recently held in Mahalapye.

The tournament, a Charity Initiative, was organised by the House of Love Charitable Society Chairman Solly Obert with the aim to raise funds to benefit the Organisation. House of Love is a Non-Governmental Organisation aimed at helping people living with disabilities and also the disadvantaged members of the community.

The teams used the tournament as pre-season preparation for the upcoming Be-Mobile Premier League and also as an opportunity to try out new players and tactics. The first game saw Modipane United and Jwaneng Galaxy play to a 1 all draw before the Modipane side prevailed 3 - 2 on penalties. Stimela, as BR Highlanders is affectionately known, defeated Serowe side

and Be Mobile Premier league newcomers, Green Lovers 3 - 0 in the other semi-final.

The Mahalapye side exhibited new signings, Tshepo 'School-Boy' Molefe and Kitso Chalashika, who impressed and were on the score sheet in the first game. In the final, BR Highlanders thrashed Modipane by 3 goals to nil through captain, Leteng Legopelo, Moamogedi Thatogo and Onkokame Matsela. Green Lovers beat Jwaneng Galaxy 1 - 0 to finish third in the losers' final.

The tournament amassed a sum of about P6,000.00 through gate-takings which was then donated to House of Love. Meanwhile, BR Highlanders spokesperson, Jacob Monyeki said the tournament worked well for them as they tried their six new signings. He noted that they boosted their attacking prowess because they now fancy their chances of finishing in the top 8 this coming season. Monyeki also said that they are

also looking to play at least two friendlies to maintain match fitness before the league resumes.

GIFTS TO BOTRAIL CYCLING CLUB FROM MIKE'S BIKES IN U.S.A

BOTRAIL got in touch with an exchange program candidate from the U.S Embassy by the name of Michelle Gartner, who was with the club for about 3 months before returning back to the U.S due to medical conditions. It is in U.S.A where she mobilized a donation campaign for the club through various individuals and a bike shop called Mike's Bikes.

The goods were delivered and handed over to Botrail Cycling Club on Monday 22nd June 2015. These are mainly;

1. New and used bike parts
2. New and used cycling kits
3. New and used cycling shoes
4. New and used tyres and cranks
5. And other used bike accessories (used helmets, tow-cable, speedometers, saddles, and other apparel).