

Maebane Cricket Club gets welcome donation of kit, but more is needed



Photographed during the handing-over ceremony are, from left to right, Michael Makhado, Thakhani Ligaraba, sponsor Huzaifah Samariya, and little Spanki Ligaraba. Photo supplied.

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The rural Maebane Cricket Club, which focuses on giving children an opportunity to participate competitively in sports such as cricket, welcomed a donation of cricket kits from Check U in Louis Trichardt on 23 April.

The club was established in 2012 with the aim of identifying young boys from different parts of the community, teaching them life skills and providing them with cricket training. It also partners with various primary and secondary schools in a bid to provide its young players with valuable sports education.

According to Thakhani Ligaraba, the club is planning to further promote cricket in local schools within the Kutama area, a move it hopes will improve school sports facilities and attract potential sponsors. He added that they want to build a strong cricket culture in the Kutama area and get children off the streets by involving them in as many sporting activities as possible.

The club's needs include, but are not limited to, cricket bags to hold equipment, helmets, batting pads, batting gloves, thigh pads, bats, wicketkeeper gloves, balls, arm guards, chest guards, elbow guards, first-aid kits and water bottles.

"We are appealing to any sponsors who believe in our vision of producing cricket players who may one day play at national level and even represent the country in international tournaments to assist us where they can," he said.

The manager of Check U, Mr Huzaifah Samariya, said he decided to donate the cricket kits after visiting the club and noticing that the players were not wearing proper equipment.

One of Makonde's women pioneers is no more

OBITUARY

One of Makonde's most remarkable pioneering women, Sosana Muofhe Mbedzi, was laid to rest on Saturday, 2 May. She was not only a respected community elder, but also an entrepreneur of note and a cultural custodian. Her life story was one of quiet determination and service to her community in Makonde.

Mbedzi, who died in hospital at the age of 80 after a long illness, was laid to rest in Makonde, with mourners celebrating a life marked by education, faith and local enterprise.

Although her formal schooling ended in Sub B, she went on to obtain a certificate in theology. She later founded a community cultural school, where she worked as both trainer and principal, earning respect for her commitment to education and cultural preservation.

Alongside her educational work, Mbedzi built a livelihood as an informal trader, selling fruit, vegetables and home-made mageu. She was also known for weaving traditional mats from sedge grass, which she sold locally. At the time of her death, she served as an active elder of the Makonde Baptist Church.

Speakers at the funeral described her as a natural intellectual whose influence extended beyond her household into the broader community.

Her son, Erick Mbedzi, said her life was defined by humility, love and resilience. "My

mother raised us well and we are proud that she had produced a self-reliant generation that believes in working for themselves. Her humility taught us that love is the only foundation for a united family."

He said she remained devoted to her faith until her final days. "Even though she left school at an early stage of her life, she taught herself to read and write. We were not surprised when she attained her theology certificate because we knew that she was very intelligent," he said.

Community leader Joseph Mavhanga Mulaisi said her death marked the loss of an important source of local knowledge.

"The Mbedzis are one of the first families to stay in this area and they are still a highly respected family locally. As a reliable elder, we used to depend on the deceased for advice. Our walking encyclopaedia is now gone and it is sad that we didn't document all the cultural knowledge she demonstrated during her lifetime," he said.

Her farewell was marked by *domba* dances performed by young girls as her coffin was lowered at the family burial site in Makonde Shadani.


Mbedzi is survived by her husband, Robert Mbedzi Madi-da, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Tshiozwi Real Madrid's teams won all categories of the Collins Sebola Group Talent Identification Championship, which took place on Mabaleng Street in Tshiozwi on 26 and 27 April. The event was organised by Mamu Community Development. Tshiozwi Real Madrid's U/11 team beat Gogobole Mighty Green U/11 5-4 in the final. The match went to penalties after a 2-2 draw. The Tshiozwi U/13 team beat Gogobole Mighty Green 3-1, while in the U/15 section Tshiozwi Real Madrid edged Tshiozwi Tanasi FC 1-0. Pictured are Tshiozwi Real Madrid U/13 captain Andani Mulaudzi, U/11 captain Tondani Baloyi and U/15 captain Ramavhale Buitumelo. Third from left is Mamu Community Development general secretary Jafter Mamugudubi. Photo supplied.



Mrs Sosana Muofhe Mbedzi (80) was laid to rest at Makonde on Saturday. Photo supplied.



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Erratum advert: Correction of the Municipal Manager name:
From Mr. N Tshiwanambi to Acting Municipal Manager MR. PM Mudau.

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The Principal