

A weekly newsflash brought to you by KLCBT

26 OCTOBER 2017

Visit www.klcbt.co.za regularly for the latest business news, updates information and EVENTS. The latest posts include:

No power cuts for Mbombela!

Despite notices published by Eskom today stating that Mbombela's power may be interrupted from 19 December due to an outstanding amount of R152 million, we can assure our members with confidence that there will be no power cuts for Mbombela.

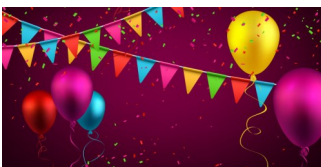
The KLCBT has regular interaction with the City's management and topping the agenda at all occasions is the Eskom account. For this reason we can confidently say that Mbombela has been keeping to their suggested down payment arrangement with Eskom and has been reducing the account steadily since January 2017.

We can also confirm that, before publication of the notice, another R50 million was paid to Eskom, and the monthly account for Mbombela is around R90 million. Taking this into account, The amount in arrears (30+ days) is only around R12 million at this moment.

Municipalities receive their national grants in tranches of three payments per year. Mbombela is due to receive their next amount in November and the Eskom account will be settled to a zero-balance again.



It's party time! Send us details of your events to publish on our website



Typically, with spring, the Lowveld events calendar also becomes alive. Numerous events are taking place before and during the festive season. Please send us details of your events to advertise on the KLCBT website at NO COST.

If you want to bump up the publicity, you can also book a e-mail shot to the KLCBT data base at only R300 per mail shot.

(Visit www.klcbt.co.za—the home page, to view all upcoming events)

Congratulations to KMI Airport



We are exceptionally proud of KMI Airport who won the ACI 2017 Safety Award for the best airport in Africa within its category. An assessment relating to aviation safety and aerodrome infrastructure was evaluated based on ICAO standards, national regulations and ACI best practices and KMI Airport came out tops.

The Airport is also celebrating their 15th year in aviation, from turning the first soil on the 2nd of July 2001, to the landing of the first aircraft, the development took no more than 16 months, a feat thus far unchallenged in the engineering industry. Since officially commencing business operations on the 21st of October 2002 to date, KMI Airport has opened up the skies over Mbombela for over 3 Million passengers, affording expanded opportunities to the tourism and business industries of the province.

Implementation of Biometric Passport Processing at the Lebombo Border



There were some delays experienced last week with the implementation of the biometric passport processing at the Lebombo Port of Entry. According to MCLI, clarification has been received from the Dept. of Home Affairs at Lebombo in this regard. The collection of fingerprints and photos should not, in their opinion, exceed ten minutes unless there are delays as a result of unclear fingerprints or where there have been amputations of digits. Home Affairs indicated that the biometric registration applies only to foreign passport holders and once registered, will not be required to be redone.

The Department has also undertaken to assess the movement of trucks into the port of entry and should there be delays, those machines not on the biometric system (at this stage approximately 50% of capacity) will be deployed to relieve congestion.

Enquiries in this regard should be directed to the Immigration officials at Lebombo: Ms Phatheka Vikwa at +27(0) 79 492 1804 or Mr Strassen at +27 (0) 79 510 7761