

Sebenza 4.0 Joins the Team!



This powerful 2.0L diesel bakkie is already hard at work—transporting tools and equipment, clearing black bag points and bins, and supporting efforts to keep our town clean and beautiful.

“We simply couldn’t function at this level without a reliable vehicle like Sebenza,”

Chair Rhodes Abell

The Power of 8000 is now powered by a brand-new Foton bakkie, generously provided by Westvaal Numbi Ford. Nicknamed Sebenza 4.0, this reliable workhorse helps us keep White River clean and functional—every single day.

Thanks to our sponsors:

- **Vehicle:** Westvaal Numbi Ford
- **Insurance:** TWK Insurance
- **Fuel:** Astron Energy, Lowveld Logistics, Palm Motors, and Sasol Kingsview



Waterfront Play Park Officially Open!

On 12 April, we proudly opened the **brand-new Waterfront Play Park** — a wonderful addition to one of the town's favourite green spaces. Located within the already popular Waterfront Park, this fun space is already buzzing with happy children and appreciative parents.

Sponsored by:

- **Southern Sun Pine Lake Resort**
- Timber donated by **MTO Forestry**
- Planking donated by **Timba Garden Projects**
- Installed by **RSA Projects**

"It's more than just jungle gyms—it's a symbol of hope and community."
-Julie Esquino, GM of Pine Lake Resort

"It's always an honour to build something for the people of White River."
-Chris Crouse, RSA Projects



Black Bag Challenge: 50 500 Bags Collected

White River came together in March to smash the goal of **2 500** rolls of black bags, collecting **2 525** rolls in total! That's **50 500** black bags to keep our town clean.

Businesses, schools, residents (even pre-schools!) joined in with big-hearted donations and fun social media challenges.



"This initiative gives everyone a way to make a difference"
-Lisa Gordon-Davis

Ongoing donations are still welcome! Drop-offs at collection points around town including Pick 'n Pay and Pits Paints (next to Lowveld Stationers).

MTO Trail Run

Thank you to MTO for their incredible fundraising trail run on 14 March in support of Power of 8000. The event brought in vital funds and raised awareness about keeping White River clean, green, and community-driven.



Special thanks to our wonderful Social Media Fairy, Charleine van Tonder, for driving the campaign with her special brand of magic.



Social Media Fairy: Charleine Van Tonder



Team News: Operations Manager and Power Ranger

Welcome to **Tshepo Sidibe: Our New Operations Manager.**

Tshepo joined the team in late 2024. He brings a strong background in health and safety, has deep community ties, and a calm, focused leadership style that's already making a difference. He is also the Chairman of the White River Youth Forum, which strengthens our ties with the youth of the town.

Meet **Siya Mathe: Our Newest Power Ranger.**

A warm welcome to Siya Mathe, who joins the Power of 8000 ground crew with energy, carpentry talent and a hands-on attitude. Siya's practical skills and creative thinking are already adding great value to our work.

"We're excited to have Siya on board—he's a natural fit with the team!"



Tshepo Sidibe



Siya Mathe



AGM: 1 March 2025

Held at Rob Ferreira High School, our Annual General Meeting welcomed around 60 townsfolk. The committee reported on successes, introduced new team members, and shared plans for 2025.

Key Highlights:

- New play park and bin rollouts
- Green space and waste management updates
- Growing donor and volunteer base

Thanks to all our supporters who attended.

