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SOPA 2026: Decisive Action or Back to Basics?



Pictured: Members of the Free State Legislature

By Lebohang Maloka

Declaring 2026 the “Year of Decisive Action to Fix Local Government and Transform the Economy,” Free State Premier MaQueen Letsoha-Mathae delivered an ambitious State of the Province Address before the Free State Legislature, outlining plans to drive inclusive growth, reduce poverty and stabilise struggling municipalities.

But while the speech painted a picture of progress and renewed urgency, opposition parties have questioned whether the province is addressing its most fundamental weaknesses.

The Premier reported that over 46,000 work opportunities were created through the Expanded Public Works Programme, exceeding initial targets. The province is currently tracking 29 renewable energy projects valued at more than R100 billion, positioning the Free State as a key player in South Africa’s energy transition.

Unemployment, however, remains stubbornly high fluctuating between 36% and 37% in recent quarters.

While government projects improved economic growth to 1.85%, many residents continue to grapple with rising living costs, limited opportunities and service delivery backlogs.

Perhaps the most pressing admission in

the address was the state of local government. Seven municipalities remain under Section 139 intervention, including Matjhabeng and Mafube.

The Premier acknowledged ongoing governance failures, financial mismanagement and instability in several councils, pledging intensified oversight and consequence management.

But critics argue that financial discipline must come first.

In an interview with Free State Sun, Democratic Alliance Member of the Legislature, Werner Pretorius, said the province needs to “go back to basics.” Pretorius pointed to audit outcomes as a major concern, noting that only three of the province’s departments achieved clean audits in the latest financial year and that no municipality received a clean audit outcome.

“You cannot speak about transformation and decisive action,” he said, “when financial management remains weak. Improved financial management at both provincial and local government level will directly translate into improved service delivery.”

He further stressed that strengthening

governance at municipal level would not only stabilise water and electricity provision in struggling areas, but also improve investor confidence.

The Premier also focused on reducing poverty and tackling the high cost of living. Over one million Free State residents currently rely on social grants. Government has committed to linking able-bodied beneficiaries to economic opportunities while expanding food security initiatives and community nutrition centres.

On Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF), the province reaffirmed its support for classifying GBVF as a national disaster. Plans include district Men’s Indabas, placement of GBVF activists in police stations and the development of a mobile response app.

Yet residents continue to demand visible safety improvements as crime statistics reveal a worrying 20.5% increase in attempted murder, despite a decrease in murder cases.

The province celebrated an 89.33% matric pass rate for the Class of 2025 and announced an increase in bursaries from 200 to 300 for the 2026 academic year. Skills development programmes are set to support thousands of unemployed youth in the coming financial year.

However, infrastructure delays in several schools and ongoing municipal instability remain barriers to broader development.

SOPA 2026 was both reflective and aspirational. It acknowledged past governance failures while committing to ethical leadership, institutional reform and economic revitalisation.

While opposition parties have raised legitimate concerns about financial management and municipal oversight, there is also a shared understanding across the political spectrum that the Free State cannot afford stagnation.

The coming year presents an opportunity; not just for government, but for business, civil society and communities, to demand accountability while participating in solutions.

For many Free State residents, hope is cautious but present. And with heightened scrutiny, stronger oversight and active public engagement, that hope may yet become tangible progress.

If the commitments made this week translate into cleaner audits, functioning municipalities and sustainable job creation, 2026 could mark a turning point for the province.



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LEGAL CORNER

Breaking Free from Co-Ownership:
Understanding Actio Communi Dividundo

By Advocate Sephiri Moshodi Executive Director: Justice Equality Foundation

Introduction:

Property co-ownership is frequently the result of opportunity, family, or trust. A house, an investment property, or land is purchased by two or more individuals who share ownership in undivided shares. Co-ownership can easily become contentious when relationships change, financial situations change, or one partner just wants to leave the agreement, even though it may work well for a while.

No one should be forced into co-ownership permanently, according to South African law. The purpose of the Actio Communi Dividundo, which translates to "the action for dividing property held in common," is to release co-owners from an unworkable arrangement.

Co-ownership, however, is not a long-term situation. In Robson v. Theron 1978 (1) SA 841 (A), the Supreme Court of Appeal upheld the rule that "no co-owner is normally obliged to remain such against his will." The Actio Communi Dividundo is based on this fundamental principle. When an agreement cannot be reached, it gives a co-owner a legal way to force the partition of the jointly owned property.

A co-owner may ask the court for an order ending co-ownership under the Actio Communi Dividundo. Using its wide equitable discretion, the court may decide how to divide things in a way that is both practical and equitable. In some situations, the court may order that the property be sold and that the net proceeds be divided according to the parties' ownership shares after appropriate

expenses have been subtracted. In other cases, the court may allow one co-owner to buy the other's part at a price established by judicial oversight or independent valuation.

The court may designate a receiver or liquidator to oversee the proceedings or submit the case for oral testimony where factual problems emerge, such as conflicts regarding donations, upgrades, or revenues realised. The fundamental goal is still to end the co-ownership in a fair manner so that neither party is unjustly harmed.

The Supreme Court of Appeal has affirmed that no co-owner is normally obliged to remain such against their will. The Actio Communi Dividundo provides a legal pathway to terminate co-ownership, allowing co-owners to approach the court for a fair and practical division.

There are two types of co-ownership:

- Free Co-Ownership: Shared ownership is the sole legal relationship between parties, e.g., siblings inheriting a home or friends buying a property together.
- Bound Co-Ownership: Shared property is tied to another underlying legal relationship, such as marriage in community of property or a universal partnership.

How Courts Handle Co-Ownership Disputes

Courts have wide discretion to determine the best way to divide property, considering factors like contributions, improvements, and profits. Options include:

- Ordering the property to be sold

and proceeds distributed

- Allowing one co-owner to purchase the other's share
- Appointing a receiver or liquidator to manage the process

Establishing co-ownership is crucial, typically done through title deeds or transfer documents. Courts expect parties to attempt resolution before litigation. Disputes over financial contributions or improvements can complicate matters.

Conclusion:

Co-ownership may start out as a convenient and trusting relationship, but when things go wrong, the law

provides a respectable and fair way out. The idea that ownership should never be a prison is embodied in the Actio Communi Dividundo. By invoking this old but enduring remedy, co-owners can bring a stop to shared ownership and move ahead, freed from the legal and emotional ties that formerly linked them together.

Given the complexities, it's essential to seek specialist legal advice when pursuing an Actio Communi Dividundo. Experienced practitioners can ensure the correct procedure is followed, and the outcome is fair and enforceable.

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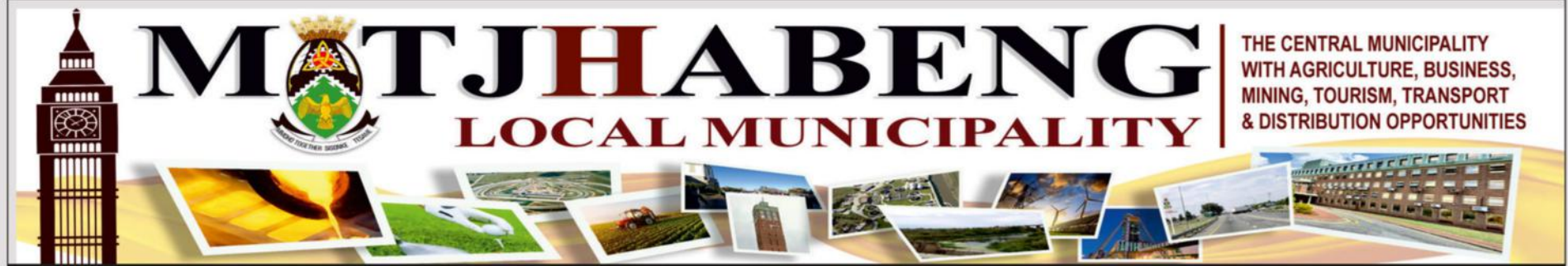
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BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF MATJHABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

The Executive Mayor of Matjhabeng Local Municipality today briefed members of the media on the progress being made in stabilising the Municipality's finances, strengthening governance, and improving service delivery across all wards.

In his address, the Mayor noted that the Municipality finds itself at a crucial stage in its recovery journey. He indicated that while the work ahead remains demanding, the administration is firmly focused on restoring financial discipline, rebuilding institutional credibility, and ensuring that services are delivered in a manner that is transparent, lawful and sustainable. Central to this effort is the Financial Recovery Plan, which continues to guide the Municipality's reform programme. The Mayor emphasised that the Plan should not be viewed as a short-term remedy, nor assessed through isolated correspondence or partial updates. It is a structured and ongoing institutional reform process aimed at addressing financial and operational challenges that accumulated over a number of years.

All reporting on the implementation of the Financial Recovery Plan is undertaken through formal governance structures in accordance with the Municipal Finance Management Act (MFMA).

Submissions are supported by verified data, reconciled financial records and proper documentation to ensure compliance, accountability and audit integrity. Oversight of the Recovery Plan forms part of an established intergovernmental framework. The Municipality remains the implementing authority, the Provincial Executive exercises oversight as provided for in the Constitution, and National Treasury provides technical support and monitoring.

The Executive Mayor reaffirmed the Municipality's commitment to cooperative governance, stating that all processes must remain

within the boundaries of legislation and constitutional mandates.

Progress on Sanitation and Infrastructure

The Mayor further provided an update on sanitation infrastructure upgrades currently underway across Matjhabeng.

The Municipality operates eleven Wastewater Treatment Works. Two facilities are fully operational, while two major plants are now more than 90 percent complete. Engagements to stabilise electricity supply to these plants are at an advanced stage, and once power is secured, the facilities will be commissioned without delay.

These upgrades are expected to significantly reduce recurring sewer spillages and improve environmental health conditions. The projects form part of the national Sanitation Ministerial Intervention Programme, with an appointed implementing agent overseeing execution.

In Welkom, contractors are prioritising improvements to the drainage network, while in Thabong several teams are simultaneously replacing ageing sewer pipelines to address long-standing infrastructure weaknesses. The Executive Mayor acknowledged that construction activities have caused temporary disruptions in some areas. During pipeline replacement, manholes are occasionally sealed to allow safe installation, which has in certain instances resulted in backflows and localised flooding affecting homes, schools and businesses.

He stressed that these challenges are temporary and directly linked to long-term system stabilisation. Significant progress has also been recorded in the upgrading of the sewer pump station network. Of the 57 pump stations across the Municipality, 23 have already been completed under the intervention programme, with several currently

operational and improving wastewater movement from residential areas.

To enhance operational efficiency, the Municipality has procured two high-pressure jetting trucks to clear blockages, inspect underground pipelines and identify infrastructure faults with minimal disruption. Trailer pumps continue to be rotated daily in high-risk areas to reduce overflow incidents and manage silt accumulation.

The Executive Mayor emphasised that infrastructure investment must be supported by community responsibility. The disposal of plastics, rubble, cloth and other foreign objects into the sewer system continues to cause avoidable blockages and damage to infrastructure.

Revenue Collection Measures

The Mayor also addressed revenue collection, describing it as fundamental to sustaining service delivery.

The Municipality has implemented auxiliary deductions on prepaid electricity purchases for accounts that are 30 days or more in arrears, in line with a Council-approved Credit Control and Debt Recovery Policy.

Under this measure, a portion of prepaid electricity purchases may be allocated toward outstanding municipal debt, depending on property value categories and the nature of the account. Deductions may be applied to electricity arrears, other municipal service arrears, fines or penalties.

The Executive Mayor indicated that this approach is intended to promote fairness and financial sustainability, noting that the

continued provision of electricity, water, sanitation, refuse removal, roads, stormwater maintenance, street lighting, parks, cemeteries and other services depends on improved revenue collection.

Deductions apply only to qualifying arrear accounts, and prior notification is issued in accordance with municipal policy. Residents and businesses are encouraged to keep their accounts current and to approach the Municipality to make payment arrangements where financial challenges arise. The Revenue and Credit Control Section remains available to provide support and clarification.

Closing Remarks

In conclusion, the Executive Mayor reaffirmed the Municipality's commitment to restoring financial stability, strengthening governance systems and delivering dependable services to all communities within Matjhabeng.

While challenges remain, tangible progress is being made through infrastructure upgrades, pump station rehabilitation, improved operational capacity and disciplined financial recovery measures.

The Mayor expressed appreciation to residents for their patience and cooperation, noting that institutional rebuilding takes time but is being pursued with determination and clear purpose.



Executive Mayor of Matjhabeng Local Municipality, Cllr Thanduxolo Khalipa

Tribute: A grieving community stands in solidarity for Glenda Roberts



Pictured: MEC Hlalele with Advocate Moshodi and members of the Anc Women's League

On Thursday, February 26, in Odendaalsrus, the air felt heavier than the summer heat, filled with collective sorrow and anger from a community that has had enough. Leading the procession to the Magistrate's court was Free State Social Development MEC HON. Mathabo Hlalele, not as an official but as a woman, and a witness to a tragedy that struck too close to home. To the court, Glenda Roberts is just case number, but to the people of Kutlwanong, she was a

lifeline. Her dedication as a social worker helped others navigate crises, offering support to the broken. Miss Roberts was attacked on November 25, 2025, during the early hours while on her way to work just as the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence began. "She didn't just work for the community, she was part of it," said a resident during the march. The march to Odendaalsrus Magistrate's Court was more than a

physical journey; it was a demand for political and social change. Surrounded by members of the Vodacom Foundation, Tlasa Paballo NPO, and local church leaders, MEC Hlalele's message was loud and clear: "We demand no bail." For Glenda's family, seeing hundreds of supporters was more than a legal statement; it was a source of comfort amid mourning. As a postponement was announced for further investigation, a

heavy sigh spread through the community, a reminder of three more weeks of waiting and the Roberts family's loss. MEC Hlalele urged residents not to lose hope, emphasizing that "this show of solidarity sends a message that the walls of silence are crumbling." She called on every local to become the law's eyes and ears so that the next woman on her way to catch a morning transport doesn't have to look over her shoulder in fear.

Young Free State Cyclist Sets Sights on Egypt-to-Cape Town Record

What began as a bold personal decision has grown into a continental mission for Mr Kelebohile George Hlabahlaba, a young adventure cyclist from Theunissen in Masilonyana who is riding not only for endurance, but for economic change in the Free State. Hlabahlaba was recently welcomed by Executive Mayor Veronica Ntakumbane and councillors from the Lejweleputswa District, who praised both his determination and long-term vision. A former employee at Bargain Books in Welkom, Hlabahlaba resigned without informing his parents, using his last salary to purchase a bicycle and embark on his first journey to Namibia in November. While some criticised his

decision, he remained focused on a larger goal inspired by the leadership and psychology books he sold at the store. His dream is to establish NALANE Grocery, a chain of tuckshops, supermarkets and wholesale stores aimed at creating 10 000 jobs over the next 25 years. He believes entrepreneurship can restore dignity and stimulate economic growth across the province. His journey gained support after meeting Mr Tsolo Lehokahoke of Lesedi FM while training in the QwaQwa mountains. Lehokahoke has since helped mobilise donations and introduced Kelebohile to Mr Sindelani Nhlapo whom helped him

with donations accommodation and food support along the route Mr Themba Nkhatho also donated. On 1 February, Hlabahlaba began a regional tour from Theunissen through Lesotho, KwaZulu-Natal, Eswatini, Mpumalanga, Gauteng, North West and Botswana before returning to the Free State. The mountainous terrain of Mokhotlong in Lesotho and parts of Eswatini and KwaZulu-Natal tested his endurance. Dr Thabiso Motjhatso helped him when his bicycle was broken, he managed to buy him a new one. Now, Hlabahlaba is preparing for his most ambitious challenge yet; a 10 000-kilometre cycling expedition from Egypt to Cape Town, planned for

June and July. He aims to complete the journey within 60 days, with a personal target of 50 days. The expedition, which will require a scout vehicle and support team, carries an estimated cost of R300 000. For Hlabahlaba, the ride is about more than breaking records. It is about building credibility, attracting investment and ultimately transforming communities through sustainable job creation. As he trains for the continental challenge, the young cyclist continues to pedal with purpose, carrying the hopes of turning vision into opportunity for the Free State.



Pictured: Executive Mayor Veronica Ntakumbana, Mr Tsolo Lehokahoke, Relebohile Hlabahlaba, and Mr Sinde Nhlapo.

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Reflection On February 2026

Reproductive Health Awareness Month

Q: Dr Makhanya, what was the focus of February 2026 in Obstetrics and Gynaecology?

A: February was dedicated to Reproductive Health Awareness Month. The focus was on empowering women, men, and adolescents with accurate information about reproductive health, family planning, safe pregnancy, prevention of sexually transmitted infections (STIs), and overall reproductive well-being.

Q: Why is reproductive health awareness so important?

A: Reproductive health is not limited to pregnancy. It includes physical, emotional, and social well-being related to the reproductive system. When

individuals understand their bodies and rights, they are better equipped to make informed decisions, prevent complications, and protect their long-term health.

Q: What initiatives were carried out this month from Dr Vuyo Makhanya's Clinic?

A: Throughout February, our nurses educated patients visiting the clinic and I also actively engaged with patients who had concerns about reproductive health, providing guidance and support personally whenever needed. In addition, I had an interview with Lesedi FM, where I discussed healthy pregnancies, infections during pregnancy, and how they can be

prevented. This gave a valuable opportunity to reach more people with practical, life-saving information. We communicated key messages through our social media platforms to reach the broader community, and we responded to community enquiries through our automated WhatsApp chatbot, as well as Facebook and Instagram Messenger. This ensured timely, accessible, and confidential information for everyone seeking advice.

Key focus areas included:

- Access to contraception and family planning services.
- Promoting healthy pregnancies through proper antenatal care and lifestyle choices.
- Prevention and early treatment of STIs.
- Encouraging open conversations about reproductive health without stigma.

Q: How can patients /individuals support their reproductive health daily?

- A:** Practical steps include:
- Attending regular health check-ups and screenings.
 - Practicing safe sex and knowing your STI status.
 - Maintaining a healthy lifestyle to support hormonal balance and fertility.
 - Seeking professional advice early when experiencing unusual symptoms.

Q: What was the highlight of the month?

A: It was encouraging to see increased participation from young people seeking information and services. Breaking the silence around

reproductive health is a powerful step toward building healthier communities.

Q: What should readers look forward to next?

A: March is Endometriosis Awareness Month. Endometriosis is a condition that affects many women, often silently and without early diagnosis. In March, we will focus on educating the public about recognising symptoms, understanding treatment options, and encouraging women not to normalise severe menstrual pain.

Dr Makhanya encourages:

"Reproductive health is a lifelong journey. Awareness, prevention, and early intervention are key to protecting our future generations. Let us continue learning, speaking openly, and prioritising our health."

Dr Vuyo Makhanya reminds everyone that reproductive health is a lifelong journey. Awareness, prevention, and early intervention are essential not only for your well-being but also for the health of future generations. He believes that by staying informed, seeking professional guidance, and engaging in open conversations about reproductive health, we can build healthier, empowered communities.

"To stay updated with practical tips, health insights, and upcoming awareness campaigns, follow us on our social media platforms: Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp Channel @DrVuyoMakhanyaClinic, and connect with our WhatsApp Chatbot for confidential advice anytime. Let's continue prioritising our health together!"

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- Routine antenatal check-ups (blood pressure, weight, fundal height)
- Blood tests and urine tests (anaemia, infections, blood group, glucose)
- Ultrasound scans: dating scan, nuchal translucency, anomaly scan, growth scan
- Foetal monitoring (NST – non-stress test, CTG – cardiotocography)
- Maternal vaccinations (tetanus, influenza, COVID-19)
- Nutritional counselling and supplementation (iron, folic acid, calcium)
- Genetic counselling and testing

LABOUR & DELIVERY

- Normal vaginal delivery
- Assisted vaginal delivery (forceps or vacuum)
- Caesarean section (elective and emergency)
- Pain management in labour (epidural, analgesia)
- Induction and augmentation of labour

HIGH-RISK PREGNANCY MANAGEMENT

- Pre-eclampsia/eclampsia monitoring
- Gestational diabetes management
- Multiple pregnancies (twins, triplets)
- Cardiac or medical conditions in pregnancy
- Rh incompatibility and immunoglobulin administration

POSTNATAL CARE

- Immediate postpartum care (bleeding control, uterine involution)
- Lactation support and breastfeeding counselling
- Family planning counselling
- Postpartum depression screening and support

OTHER OBSTETRIC SERVICES

- Management of miscarriage, threatened miscarriage, or ectopic pregnancy
- Stillbirth and neonatal loss support
- Placental complications management (previa, abruption)
- Foetal growth restriction management
- Preterm birth prevention and management

GYNAECOLOGICAL SERVICES (WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH)

PREVENTIVE & SCREENING SERVICES

- Routine pelvic exams
- Pap smear / cervical cancer screening
- HPV testing
- Breast examination and breast cancer screening
- Bone health screening (osteoporosis in postmenopausal women)

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH & FERTILITY

- Contraception counselling and provision (pills, implants, IUDs, sterilization)
- Fertility evaluation (hormonal tests, ultrasound, semen analysis)
- Assisted reproductive techniques referral (IVF, IUI)
- Menstrual disorder management (heavy bleeding, irregular cycles, dysmenorrhea)
- Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS) diagnosis and management
- Endometriosis management (medical and surgical)

SURGICAL GYNAECOLOGY

- Laparoscopic surgery (diagnostic and therapeutic)
- Hysteroscopy (polyp or fibroid removal, septum correction)
- Hysterectomy (laparoscopic, abdominal, or vaginal)
- Myomectomy (fibroid removal)
- Ovarian cystectomy
- Pelvic organs prolapse repair

INFECTION & STI MANAGEMENT

- Diagnosis and treatment of urinary tract infections (UTIs)
- Diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted infections (STIs)
- Vaginitis and vulvitis management
- HPV vaccination

MENOPAUSE & HORMONAL HEALTH

- Management of perimenopausal and postmenopausal symptoms
- Hormone replacement therapy (HRT)
- Bone and cardiovascular health support

PELVIC & UROLOGICAL GYNAECOLOGY

- Pelvic floor dysfunction evaluation
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The high stakes Ghost of Moroka swallows:
Can Marumo Gallants weather the Storm



Pictured: Marumo Gallants Team

In the world of South African football, the boardroom can sometimes be more unforgiving than pitch. For Marumo Gallants, the “Bahlabane ba ntw” the battle for survival is currently is being fought on two fronts, under the bright lights and within the cold panelled walls of

the high court. At the heart of this storm is “ghost” that refuses to fade. Just over a year after purchasing Moroka Swallows premier Soccer League(PSL) status, Gallants find themselves staring down a legal challenge that threatens to undo their very existence. When Marumo Gallants acquired the Swallows franchise, it was seen as a lifeline for a Gallants side eager for top tier football. But according to Moroka Swallows, the promises made in that deal have turned into unpaid debts and broken trust. Swallows move to the high court isn’t just about paperwork, it’s a desperate attempt to reclaim their identity. A R10 million tax debt that reportedly swelled to R13 million. Claims that millions meant for the “human” side of the club the players and technical staff remain unpaid. Perhaps most damaging is the claim that Gallants sold their National First Division franchise to Leruma united without permission the very asset that was supposed to act as insurance for the deal. While the legal documents fly, Gallants spokesperson Sello Nduna remains calm. “The club respects the legal process,” he said essentially asking the public to look at the scoreboard, not the subpoena. It is easy to get lost in the millions of Rands and legal jargon, but for the fans in the stands and the players in the dressing room, the reality is much more rooted. Marumo Gallants are currently a club in limbo; caught between the past they haven’t fully paid for and a future they are struggling to secure. Whether it’s a judge’s gavel or a referee’s whistle, the final verdict is coming and Gallants are running out of time to change the narrative.

Rising Star Continues to Raise the Bar

For Oyama Frans, rugby has never just been a game, it has been a steady climb, built on discipline, presence, and quiet determination. The Virginia-born lock matriculated from Henties Cilliers Hoërskool in 2025, leaving behind more than academic achievements. Between 2023 and 2024, he proudly represented his school while earning selection to the Griffons U18 squad for both Academy Week and Craven Week; two of the most competitive platforms in South African school rugby. He was listed alongside notable players Jan Coetzee and Rylen Kristen. Wearing jersey number 19 at Craven Week in 2024, Frans cemented his role as a dependable forward, known for his physicality and fast pace. In 2025, he stepped up to the Griffons U21 Currie Cup side, a clear signal of his transition from promising schoolboy to senior provincial contender. This year, Frans is officially part of the CUT IXIAS squad competing in the FNB Varsity Cup. On 16 February, the IXIAS ran out on their home ground in Bloemfontein against the NWU Eagles, a defining moment and step forward in his journey. Tall and commanding in the line-out,



Oyama Frans

Frans brings more than height; he brings presence. Coaches describe him as a pillar; calm under pressure, relentless in contact. From youth tournaments to varsity competition, his story is not one of overnight success, but of steady growth. And if his trajectory so far is anything to go by, Oyama Frans is only just getting started.

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