

Pothole-patching programme begins

Support from stakeholders comes from many different places – even the private sector

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MOTORISTS have been advised to exercise patience following the deployment of workers from the provincial department of public works, roads and transport to repair potholes, in a bid to ensure road safety.

This was part of the department's recently unveiled war on potholes programme Sidudula amapotholes (We are pushing to have the potholes fixed).

The drive is aimed at enhancing the conditions of the provincial roads and ensuring that motorists are travelling safely.

Public work, roads and transport provincial spokesperson David Nkambule said the department was fixing the potholes through support from stakeholders like municipalities, government agencies, private sectors and community members.

Nkambule said the department had already set aside a budget meant for attending to the potholes, while also busy building roads in other areas, which had no roads at all.

He said they were working hard to

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accomplish their mission of intensifying efforts to eradicate potholes. "The war on potholes programme was launched in Mbombela last month in a bid to aggressively attend to the problem across the provincial road network, working together with all social partners.

"We believe a partnership is the bedrock of this programme.

"In support of this pothole-patching programme, the department has pledged more than R111m in funding and also allocated an additional funding of R343m to reseal surfaced roads.

"Members of the public are urged to



MAKING ROADS SAFER: Public work, roads and transport department workers repairing potholes on the D1398 road near Middelburg.

exercise patience while driving on the roads," Nkambule said.

He said the programme was rolled out in Middelburg on Tuesday and would soon begin in other areas.

"Public works, roads and transport MEC Sasekani Manzini together with staff of the department rolled up their sleeves to patch potholes on the D1398 road between Middelburg and Arnot

on Tuesday.

"The department has intensified efforts to eradicate potholes," Nkambule said.

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