

PMC HOSTS FAMILY MARATHON

Good times awaited athletes in the Mopani region who have been starved of major long-distance races for a long time. Palabora Mining Company (PMC) hosted its inaugural Family Day Marathon on Saturday, February 26, 2022. The athletes were given a choice to run in the 21 km half marathon, a 10 km race and a 5 km fun run as well as a 3 km relay.



The event started at 06:30 at PMC mining operations and the finish line was at Impala Park Stadium. It was attended by more than 1000 people comprising of local community members, runners countrywide, neighbouring African countries, various companies and media houses. The following companies provided hydration services to the runners; Bora Mining Services, Foskor, Murray and Roberts, UMM, Vexovax, PMC's SHEQ and vermiculite department. Bora Mining Services had most runners stopping by to dance and add to the vibe, as there was a joyous atmosphere at the waterpoint.

The marathon was a stern reminder that if we all respond to the call to vaccinate, the world will soon return to "normal". The 21 km marathon was won by Neheng Khatala and Desmond Mokgobu. The marathon did not only boost the athletes economically, but also improved their health.

There were many winners on the day and cash prizes in excess of R140 000. Chamberlain Timekeeping tracked the runners and authenticated their performances, times and records. Their winners received trophies which were awarded by John Makgatho Senior Manager: Vermiculite Business, Moses Ngobeni: CEO Limpopo Tourism, Nozipho Zitha: Transformation Superintendent and Zani Kutumela: Communication Specialist.

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