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DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE SPORT AND RECREATION EVENTS CALENDAR (2025/2026)

FIRST QUARTER (APRIL- JUNE 2025)

 Commemorative Day

 International Event

 National Event

 Provincial Signature Event

| DATE | EVENT | EVENT DETAILS/ OBJECTIVE/ FOCUS AREA | VENUE/ PLATFORM | TARGET |
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| APRIL 2025 | | | | |
| 02 – 06 April 2025 | National Schools Sport Athletics Championships For Secondaries | Support Talented Athletes To Participate In National Schools Sport Championships | Free State: Bloemfontein | Learners |
| 04 – 08 April 2025 | National Schools Sport Swimming Championship | Support Talented Athletes To Participate In National Schools Sport Championships | Free State: Bloemfontein | Learners |
| 10 April 2025 | MuniMEC Meeting | Meeting between DCSR and Municipalities. | Middelburg, Nkangala District Municipality | MEC DCSR Management Municipal Managers MMC's |
| April-june 2025 | Support For Local Leagues Support For Local Federation | Club Development : Building A Foundation To Elite | All Districts | Sports Federations |
| 25 April 2025 | Nashua Loskop Marathon | Nashua Loskop Marathon | Middelburg, Steve Tshwete Local Municipality | Runners |
| 27 April 2025 | Freedom Day Celebration (National) | National celebration of Freedom Day to be held in the province. This day marks the country's first democratic elections in 1994. It commemorates the end of apartheid and the achievement of freedom and equality for all citizens. | AJ Swanepoel Stadium, Ermelo, Msukaligwa Local Municipality | Community Members |

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| MAY 2025 | | | | |
| 3 May 2025 | Metro FM Music Awards | Awards show celebrating South Africa's musical talent. | Mbombela Stadium, City of Mbombela | ALL |
| 3-10 May 2025 | Safa C License | Club Development: Bulding A Foundation To Elite. | Graceland Sucunda, Govan Mbeki Local Municipality | Football Coaches |
| 05-09 May 2025 | National Archives awareness week | The Archives awareness programme is aimed at raising public awareness of Archive's role, promoting the use of archives. | Will be held in all the three districts, opening event at TUT (Mbombela Campus) | 100 per day |
| 12 – 15 May 2025 | Africa's Travel Indaba | An international convention showcasing all things Africa to promote trade and tourism. | KwaZulu Natal Inkosi Albert Luthuli Convention Center, Durban | Organizations/ Businesses |
| 14 – 18 May 2025 | International Mbombela Open Tennis Tournament | International Mbombela Open Tennis Tournament. | Mbombela, City of Mbombela | Athletes |
| 15 May 2025 | Move For Health | To Improve The Health And Well-being Of People By Providing Mass Participation Opportunities Through Active Recreation | Dr. Pixely Ka Seme Local Municipality | Community Members |

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| MAY 2025 | | | | |
| 03 May 2025 | Municipal Indigenous Games | Promoting and preserving indigenous activities through games. | Elukwatini, Chief Albert Luthuli Local Municipality | Recreation Structures / Community |
| 10 May 2025 | Municipal Indigenous Games | Promoting and preserving indigenous activities through games. | Balfour, Dipaliseng Local Municipality | Recreation Structures / Community |
| 17 May 2025 | District Schools Sport Winter Games | Support Athletes To Participate At District And Provincial Championships | A.J Swanepoel Stadium, Ermelo, Msukaligwa Local Municipality | Learners |
| 17 May 2025 | Municipal Indigenous Games | Promoting and preserving indigenous activities through games. | Ermelo, Msukaligwa Local Municipality | Recreation Structures / Community |
| 17 May 2025 | Thaba Chweu Local Indigenous Games Festival | Promoting and preserving indigenous activities through games. | Mashishing Stadium, Thaba Chweu Municipality | All clubs registered participating in IG in the Municipality |
| 17 May 2025 | Nkomazi Local Indigenous Games Festival | Promoting and preserving indigenous activities through games. | Schoemansdal Hall, Nkomazi Municipality | All clubs registered participating in IG in the Municipality |
| 18 May 2025 | International Museum Day | The Future of Museums in Rapidly changing Communities Raise Awareness Campaign | Pilgrims Rest, Thaba Chweu Local Municipality | 50x Community members |

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| MAY 2025 | | | | |
| 24 May 2025 | Municipal Indigenous Games | Promoting and preserving indigenous activities through games. | Thandukukhanya, Mkhondo Local Municipality | Recreation Structures / Community |
| 24 May 2025 | Municipal Indigenous Games | Promoting and preserving indigenous activities through games. | Wakkerstroom, Pixley Ka Isaka Seme Local Municipality | Recreation Structures / Community |
| 24 May 2025 | Gert Sibande Sport Confederation Annual Games | Womens football. | Pixley Isaka Seme: Volksrust | Regional Sport Federation |
| 25 May 2025 | Africa Day Celebration | Annual commemoration of the foundation of the organization of African Unity (OAU). | TBC | ALL |
| 31 May 2025 | Mbombela Local Indigenous Games Festival | Promoting and preserving indigenous activities through games. | Tekwane South, City of Mbombela Municipality | All clubs registered participating in IG in the Municipality |
| 31 May 2025 | Bushbuckridge Local Indigenous Games Festival | Promoting and preserving indigenous activities through games. | Thulamahashe Stadium, Bushbuckridge Municipality | All clubs registered participating in IG in the Municipality |


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| MAY 2025 | | | | |
| JUNE 2025 | | | | |
| 6 June 2025 | Opening of Thandukukhanya Public Library | To create access to information and foster social development by offering a safe space for learning and community engagement | Mkhondo Local Municipality: Thandukukhanya | All community members |
| 06-08 June 2025 | National Sport Awards and National Arts Awards | Awarding South African Sport and Arts greatness. | North West, Sun City | Athletes |
| 14 June 2025 | District Youth Day Celebration | District Youth Day Celebration. | Kanyamazane Sport Center, City of Mbombela Municipality | 15 People per team from all 4 municipalities |
| 16 June 2025 | Youth Day Commemoration | Commemorates the 1976 Soweto Uprising, where students protested against Afrikaans as the medium of instruction under apartheid. | TBC | All community members |

SECOND QUARTER (JULY- SEPTEMBER 2025)

 Commemorative Day

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| JULY 2025 | | | | |
| 03 July 2025 | MuniMEC Meeting | Meeting between DCSR and Municipalities. | Gert Sibande District Municipality | MEC DCSR Management Municipal Managers MMC's |
| 10 July 2025 | South African Librarians' Day 2025 | To create awareness about the importance of Librarianship as a profession and the critical role Librarians play in nation building. | (Main event) Badplaas Forever resort. All public libraries using posters and social media. | All library workers and community members |
| 11 – 15 July 2025 | National Schools Sport Winter Championships | Support Talented Athletes To Participate At National Championships | Kwazulu-natal: Durban | Learners |
| 18 July 2025 | Nelson Mandela Day | 67 Minutes Of Community Service To Honour Former President Nelson Mandela: Distribution Of Sport Equipment And Attire | Msukaligwa: Lothair | Community Services |
| 19 July 2025 | Nelson Mandela Day Celebration | Boxing Tournament in honour of Dr Nelson Mandela. | Emoyeni Mall, City of Mbombela Municipality | Local Boxers from Mbombela and Nkomazi Municipalities |
| 19 July 2025 | Springboks vs Georgia | International Rugby Match between South Africa (Springboks) and Georgia. | Mbombela Stadium, City of Mbombela | ALL |


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| JULY 2025 | | | | |
| 21-25 July 2025 | Records Management Training | The purpose of the Provincial Archives is to facilitate the annual training to capacitate Records Managers and officials from various client offices which include parastatals, municipalities and government departments. | Provincial Archive building | 45 |
| 26 July 2025 | District Indigenous Games Festival | District Indigenous Games Festival. | Thulamahashe Stadium, Bushbuckridge Municipality | 125 People representing all IG Codes from all 4 municipalities |
| 27 July 2025 | District Indigenous Games | To Improve The Health And Well-being Of People By Providing Mass Participation Opportunities Through Active Recreation | Lekwa: Morgenzon | Recreation Structures / Community |

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| AUGUST 2025 | | | | |
| 03 - 09 August 2025 | World Gold Panning Championships | To keep the Gold Panning heritage activity alive and Social Cohesion Event. | Spain | Panners |
| 9 August 2025 | Women's Day Celebration | Honours the 1956 march of over 20 000 women to the Union Buildings in Pretoria to protest against apartheid pass laws. | TBC | TBC |
| 9 August 2025 | Women In Sport | Participation Fosters A Sense Of Community, Belonging And Breaking Down Social Barriers And Stereotypes | Dipalseng: Balfour | Women In Sport |
| 9 Aug 2025 | District Women's Day Celebration | District Women's Day Celebration | Mashishing Stadium, Thaba Chweu Municipality | 25 People per team from all 4 municipalities |
| Tbc | Golden Games | To Improve The Health And Well-being Of Aged People By Providing Mass Participation Opportunities Through Active Recreation | TBC | Elderly People |
| 16 August 2025 | District Schools Sport Summer Games | Support Learners To Participate At District And Provincial Championships | Ermelo: A.J Swanepoel Stadium | Learners |
| 22 August 2025 | Local Women Celebrations | Celebrating Local Women Contribution in the museum sustainable | Pilgrims Rest Museum | 50 Women |
| 23 August 2025 | Mkhondo Horse Racing Event | Support Imizamo Ya Bagibeli Horse Racing | Mkhondo: : Opposite Emaphepheni | Community Athletes |
| TBC | District and Provincial Golden Games | District and Provincial Golden Games | TBC | All Golden Games codes |

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| SEPTEMBER 2025 | | | | |
| 05 – 11 September 2025 | National Book Week | To encourage the nation to value reading and to remind the public of the importance of literacy as a matter of dignity and human rights. | All Public Libraries through Social Media and posters | ALL |
| 08 September 2025 | International Literacy Day | To encourage the nation to value reading and to remind the public of the importance of literacy as a matter of dignity and human rights. | All Public Libraries through Social Media and posters | ALL |
| 16 – 18 September 2025 | Mpumalanga Oral History Conference | To assist communities in retrieving neglected indigenous and community knowledge as a way of promoting social, economic and cultural development. | Thembisile Hani Local Municipality | 200 Community Members |
| 19 September 2025 | School Competition – Gold Panning | Promoting Gold Panning and Social Cohesion amongst scholars Build-Up activity to National Gold Panning Championships. | Gold Panning Sites, Pilgrims Rest, Thaba Chweu Local Municipality | 10 Schools 100 Learners |
| 24 September 2024 | Heritage Day Celebration | Celebration of culture and the diversity of beliefs and traditions. | TBC | ALL |

THIRD QUARTER

(OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2025)

 Commemorative Day

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| OCTOBER 2025 | | | | |
| 02 October 2025 | MuniMEC Meeting | Meeting between DCSR and Municipalities. | Ehlanzeni District Municipality | MEC DCSR Management Municipal Managers MMC's |
| 04 Oct 2025 | District Big Walk Event | Promoting a healthy lifestyle through walking. | Kanyamazane Stadium, City of Mbombela Municipality | 500 PEOPLE |
| 05 October 2025 | BIG WALK | Promoting a healthy lifestyle through walking. | All Districts | ALL |
| 9-12 October 2025 | National Gold Panning Championships | To keep the Gold Panning heritage activity alive and Social Cohesion Event. | Gold Panning Sites | 1500 Panners |
| 10 – 12 October 2025 | Mpumalanga Cycling Tour | Mpumalanga Cycling Tour. | White River, City of Mbombela | Cyclists |
| 19 October 2025 | Samora Machel Tragedy Commemoration | Commemorates the death of Mozambican President Samora Machel in a plane crash near Mbuzini in 1986 | Mbuzini, Nkomazi Local Municipality | TBC |
| 25 Oct 2025 | District Disability Sport Event | District Disability Sport Event . | Kamhlushwa Stadium, Nkomazi Municipality | 3 Paraplegic teams from all municipalities at Ehlanzeni and all Wheelchair Basketball player in the District |

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| NOVEMBER 2025 | | | | |
| 01 November 2025 | Nelspruit Marathon (Kaapsehoop 3 in 1) | Marathon promoting healthy living and competition amongst runners. | Mbombela, City of Mbombela | Runners |
| 07 November 2025 | Mpumalanga Records Management Forum Seminar & AGM | To unify Records Management professionals of governmental bodies and state owned entities. To provide a platform where Records Management issues can be addressed at the highest level | Kruger National Park: Skukuza camp. | 100 |
| 15 November 2025 | Disability Event | To Improve The Health And Well-being Of Disabled People By Providing Mass Participation Opportunities Through Active Recreation. | Kinross, Govan Mbeki Local Municipality | Disability Centres |
| 16 November 2025 | Recreation Day And Big Walk | To Improve The Health And Well-being Of People By Providing Mass Participation Opportunities Through Active Recreation. | Mkhondo: Piet Retief | Recreation Structures / Community |
| 22 November 2025 | Mpumalanga Sport Awards | Ceremony awarding Mpumalanga's Sporting Greatness. | Mbombela, City of Mbombela | Sportsmen and Sportswomen |
| 29 Nov 2025 | Gender Based Violence Event | Gender Based Violence Event | Kaapse Hoop, City of Mbombela Municipality | 50 PEOPLE |
| 27 November – 13 December 2025 | 10th Annual Mpumalanga Cultural Xperience | Mpumalanga Cultural Xperience is an annual Mpumalanga cultural festival that celebrates the diverse cultures and heritage. | All Districts | ALL |


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| DECEMBER 2025 | | | | |
| 27 November – 13 December 2025 | 10 th Annual Mpumalanga Cultural Xperience | Mpumalanga Cultural Xperience is an annual Mpumalanga cultural festival that celebrates the diverse cultures and heritage. | All Districts | ALL |
| 11 – 14 December 2025 | National Schools Sport Summer Championships | Support Talented Athletes To Participate At National Championships. | Gauteng | Learners |
| 16 December 2025 | Day of Reconciliation | Commemorating the end of Apartheid and promoting national unity. | TBC | TBC |
| 16 December 2025 | Top 4 Netball And Football | Club Development: Building A Foundation To Elite. | Pixley Ka Isaka Seme: Wakkerstroom | Clubs |

FOURTH QUARTER (JANUARY – MARCH 2026)

 Commemorative Day

 International Event

 National Event

 Provincial Signature Event

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| FEBRUARY 2026 | | | | |
| 05 February 2026 | MuniMEC Meeting | Meeting between DCSR and Municipalities. | Nkangala District Municipality | MEC DCSR Management Municipal Managers MMC's |
| 07 Feb 2026 | Fun Walk/ Marathon | To Improve The Health And Well-being Of People By Providing Mass Participation Opportunities Through Active Recreation. | Mananga to Komatipoort, Nkomazi Muniipality | 500 PEOPLE |
| MARCH 2026 | | | | |
| March 2026 Date TBC | National Library Week | To celebrate the contribution of our libraries and library workers and to promote library use and support | All public libraries using posters and social media | All community members. |
| 21 March 2025 | Human Rights Day Commemoration | Commemoration of the Sharpeville massacre which took place on the 21 st of March 1960. | TBC | TBC |



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