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~ Hendrik Fourie, President of UNTU ~

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# THE LABOUR REPORT

UNTU can't afford to host **superspreader event** • **Third wave** could hit South Africa after Easter

## UNTU's National Congress postponed until May 2022

**T**he devastating impact of the Covid-19 pandemic forced the Executive Council of UNTU to postpone the UNTU National Congress for a third time to the last week of May 2022.

Hendrik Fourie, President of UNTU, says an overwhelming majority of the Executive Council voted in favour of postponing the Congress for a year instead of six months, as he initially suggested, after lengthy deliberations about all the possible scenarios.

“These are exceedingly trying times in which we find ourselves. Our hands are tied. On the one hand we are frustrated by the repeated postponement of our long-awaited National Congress. On the other hand, we realise that we cannot afford to host a potential superspreader event where at least 300 people will be involved.

“UNTU has always maintained that one life lost is one too many. To date, the Union has paid out more than 180 Covid-19 related death claims to our members and their families. This is a devastating blow to the most progressive Union in the transport industry.”

According to Fourie, Government's decision to implement the lockdown levels and regulations in terms of the National Disaster Management Act seriously disrupted UNTU's elections of new Trade Union Representatives (TUR's) and elections at Branches.

As not all employees have returned to work and due to the severe state of the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (Prasa), who can only operate a third of its routes due to unprecedented vandalism and theft of the railway infrastructure, there are still several UNTU Branch elections that have not been held.

Health Minister Dr Zweli Mkhize



### 40 million

of the South African population (or 67%) must be vaccinated to achieve herd immunity against Covid-19.

warned the National Assembly that the expected third wave of Covid-19 might hit South Africa after Easter and not in June 2021 as initially predicted.

Fourie says experts predict that South Africa will not achieve herd immunity (also known as population immunity) this year. Government must vaccinate 67% of the population – around 40 million people – to achieve herd immunity against Covid-19 in South Africa.

“That means South Africa will likely enter a tougher period of lockdown – again – to curb another wave of hospitalisations and deaths. South Africa is currently busy with phase 1 of the national vaccine plan – a trial being run with Johnson & Johnson's single-dose

job for healthcare workers,” says Fourie.

Government had to sell a million doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine after results from a study revealed that it does not have at least 60% efficacy against mild-moderate Covid-19 due to the 501Y.V2 variant first identified in South Africa in October 2020.

#### WHAT IS THE UNTU NATIONAL CONGRESS?

The National Congress is the highest authority of the Union and shall comprise of the President, the Vice President, the Executive Council, and delegates elected as determined in Clause 11.1.3 of the UNTU Constitution. National Congress normally meets once every four years on a date determined by the Executive

Council. The General Secretary has to give each Branch Secretary of the Union, six months' notice of the date of a National Congress.

#### WHAT IS HERD IMMUNITY?

The Covid-19 virus spreads quickly across communities if there is no resistance. When most of a population is immune to an infectious disease, this provides indirect protection – or herd (also known as population) immunity – to those who are not immune to the disease. For example, if 80% of a population is immune to a virus, four out of every five people who encounter someone with the disease will not get sick (and will not spread the disease any further). 🌟



# Most challenging year ever



**Hendrik Fourie**  
PRESIDENT SAYS

The past year has been my most challenging to date as the President of UNTU. A year ago I, like all other South Africans, braced myself for the hard lockdown implemented by Government

in terms of the National Disaster Management Act to combat the spreading of the Covid-19 pandemic. Little did I know then what a traumatic and devastating impact this virus would have on myself, and on each member of UNTU.

I was the first person in UNTU who got sick with Covid-19 after a delegation of the leadership of UNTU attended a face-to-face meeting at Transnet in June 2020. By the grace of God, I recovered without being hospitalised, but the anxiety I experienced daily not knowing what awaits me, is burnt into my memory.

As the months went by, the number of UNTU members and their loved ones who lost their lives to Covid-19 increased. At the time of *Labour Report* going to print, UNTU has paid out more than 180 death claims that is related to the pandemic.

Covid-19 also caused havoc on the Union's various election processes leading up to its next National Congress. The hard lockdown was implemented amidst UNTU's

nationwide elections of new Trade Union Representatives.

To date many of UNTU's members in Transnet, the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (Prasa), the Railway Safety Regulator (RSR) and the South African Maritime Safety Authority (Samsa) cannot return to work. The result is that many of UNTU's Branch elections have not yet been done and training for our newly elected TUR's have not yet started.

Experts have warned that South Africa might experience its third wave much sooner than the first predictions of June this year. It would only take one superspreader event to trigger the wave.

Europe is already being hit by the third wave of the virus. Covid-19 infections are rising in Germany; hospitals in France are under pressure; and Italy is imposing new lockdowns. All predictions indicate that the South African Government will highly unlikely achieve herd immunity by vaccinating 67% of the population this year.

It is against this background that the Executive Council decided that it would be impossible to hold the National Congress this year and to rather postpone the National Congress to the last week of May 2022.

UNTU has always maintained that one life lost is one too many. The risk of hosting a Congress with 300 people involved knowing that someone might be infected with the deadly virus and might infect fellow delegates attending the Congress, is too big to take.

I assure each member that the Leadership of this Union will continue to serve you to the best of our ability. ❖

# R50 billion to restore Prasa



**Steve Harris**  
FULL SPEED AHEAD

It took the Department of Transport (DOT) five years to listen and finally attempt to start getting other stakeholders involved in a holistic approach to protect South Africa's passenger rail infrastructure

for the poorest of the poor. At a cost of more than R100 million the DOT launched the first leg of an initiative that brings the police, civil and community organisations together to help protect the little what is left of the infrastructure of the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (Prasa).

Unfortunately, it is too little, too late. Even if the DOT hired 9 860 community-based volunteers to focus on stations and corridors hardest hit by crime for a duration of 12 months, it will not undo the unprecedented vandalism or theft that ruined passenger rail. Transport Minister Fikile Mbalula is right when he says the damage to Prasa's infrastructure across the country can be estimated at billions of Rands.

Unlike the Minister who has to rely

on information provided to him by his advisors, I have been with the Union for 39 years. I told *Carte Blanche* that I estimate that it will take R50 billion to restore Prasa to its former glory.

The despair Prasa finds itself in today, could have been prevented if President Cyril Ramaphosa responded to UNTU's and its affiliated federation, Fedusa's, pleas five years ago when he was the Deputy-President to step in and save passenger rail. UNTU's repeated letters to Ramaphosa, to the four Ministers of Transport, to the acting Boards of Prasa and to the nine acting CEO's fell on deaf ears.

Even after UNTU and Fedusa obtained a Section 77 strike certificate from the National Economic Development and Labour Council (Nedlac) after proving that Prasa is unable to provide a safe and reliable service and marched nationwide to hand over our memorandum with eight demands to representatives of the President, he continued to ignore us.

Prasa needs armed guards to protect its assets against heavily armed organised crime syndicates while rebuilding its infrastructure.

President Ramaphosa, please listen and deploy the soldiers of the South African Defence Force to patrol our rail infrastructure before more taxpayers' money is wasted. ❖



▲ Look who visited UNTU Head Office in Johannesburg! M-Net's *Carte Blanche* icon, Derek Watts, anchor and presenter on *Carte Blanche* since the programme's inception in 1988. Joining him is UNTU Deputy General Secretary Tembile Mqolozana and UNTU administrator Natalie MacKay. *Carte Blanche* interviewed Steve Harris, General Secretary of UNTU, on the state of Prasa.



▲ UNTU members of Transnet Freight Rail and Transnet Engineering in Saldanha held their first UNTU Saldanha General Branch Meeting with UNTU Executive Council member Lutwena Saul.



▲ Hendrik Fourie, President of UNTU (far right), and Ben Jonker, Honorary Life Member of UNTU, with Petrus Wassermann, Principal Officer of Transmed, at the Annual General Meeting held in Irene, Centurion.



▲ UNTU Executive Council Member Zonke Cebekhulu and UNTU Organiser Alfred Mthethwa assisted with the UNTU BOBO Elections at the Maritime Richards Bay Branch.

# Thabello selling UNTU like hotcakes

“Women are too often **underestimated** and do not get the recognition they deserve”

**F**rom social worker and soldier to Prasa Protection Officer and UNTU Trade Union Representative: Thabello Velebayi (40), mother of two boys and professional female soccer player, believes in making the world her oyster. Velebayi grew up in Middelburg in Mpumalanga but relocated to Cape Town to play for Kaizer Chiefs in the Western Cape. She became a social worker and started working at the Tygerberg Hospital. “I did not like it at all. Everyone was only speaking Afrikaans and I got frustrated.” Velebayi then joined the South African National Defence Force (SANDF). She was in the infantry but worked her way up to the intelligence division which she loved. In February 2012 she joined Prasa’s Protection Services. “I love my job and I love proving a point. I can do foot patrol day and night and I can go anywhere the men can go. I believe that women are too often underestimated and do not get the recognition they

deserve. “There is a tendency to use the female officers to work in the control room and to not allow them to be deployed for field work,” says Velebayi. She joined UNTU because she did not like the politics within Satawu. She has not regretted her decision. In recent months Velebayi has been hard at work recruiting more than 200 new members to the Union. “Some members leave UNTU and join Numsa because of their promises to get Prasa to pay them the overtime they earned. However, they do not realise what UNTU is doing, by first addressing the matters with the Ministers of Transport and Labour directly and now filing a claim on behalf of members in the Labour Court.” When Velebayi is not working she loves spending time with her boys. She also jogs twice a day. “I get frustrated when I don’t. Jogging helps me to stay mentally and physically fit. She sees herself in the Union structures and would love to become an Organiser of UNTU in the Western Cape. 🇿🇦



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# 3 116 km

Transnet operates and maintains a network of 3 116 km of high-pressure petroleum and gas pipelines from Durban to Gauteng across five provinces.

# Pipeline theft damaging to the environment

## Modern technology used to combat sharp increase in theft

The sharp increase in incidents of theft and attempted theft at Transnet Pipelines has left the State-Owned Enterprise with the cost of restoring the environment where spills occurred which were not budgeted for.

Transnet also had to incur additional costs to use modern technology to combat the attacks of organised crime syndicates on this national key point that is of vital importance to the South African economy.

Steve Harris, General Secretary of UNTU, says thanks to the deployment of drone technology the Hawks, the priority crime unit of the South African Police Service (SAPS), arrested two more suspects on 2 March 2021 for allegedly stealing fuel from a Transnet pipeline in Vosman, Mpumalanga.

"Although UNTU is grateful for each arrest made in the war against pipeline theft, there are still between three to four incidents reported weekly. As soon as the SAPS targets an area, the thieves simply move to another area.

"Several arrests have been made, but UNTU has not yet seen that one of

the suspects are sentenced in terms of the provisions of the Criminal Matters Amendment Act 18 of 2015. This means that the Act is not serving as a deterrent," says Harris.

This Act was specifically implemented to serve as a deterrent for organised crime syndicates that target state infrastructure funded by taxpayer's money.

"The Act states that any person who unlawfully and intentionally tampers with, damages or destroys essential infrastructure; or colludes with or assists another person in the commission, performance or carrying out of an activity and who knows or ought reasonably to have known or suspected that it is essential infrastructure, is guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction to a period of imprisonment not exceeding 30 years or, in the case of a corporate body, a fine not exceeding R100 million."

In October 2020 KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs, Nomusa Dube-Ncube, assigned a team of environmentalists to work with Transnet after a pipeline theft incident resulted in the massive spillage of crude oil in the Bellair area in Durban.

Transnet is continuing with the

rehabilitation of the environment.

This incident happened a few months after about 40 homes temporarily had to be evacuated when an attempted theft resulted in a spillage and fire in Alberton, Ekurhuleni.

Transnet operates and maintains a network of 3 116 km of high-pressure petroleum and gas pipelines from Durban to Gauteng across five provinces. Pipelines handle an annual average throughput of some 16 billion litres of liquid fuel and more than 450 million cubic metres of gases. The liquid products include crude oil as well as diesel, leaded and unleaded petrol, and aviation turbine fuels.

Pipeline theft is a serious global problem appearing in Central and Latin America, Nigeria, Indonesia, China, Europe, and the United Kingdom.

Pipeline theft worldwide has a negative impact on the environment. Crude oil spills can result in harm to humans and the environment, including injuries and fatalities to fish and wildlife and contamination of drinking water supplies.

• **If you have information about the thieves or any other illegal activities in Transnet, phone 0800 003 056 to report it to the anonymous toll-free fraud and theft hotline.** 📞



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▲ Timothy Sibanjoni and his wife, Francina.

# Great Union, great benefits

“Discounts offered to members are second to none,” says TUR

**U**NTU Trade Union Representative (TUR) Timothy Sibanjoni (47) never gets into trouble at work, but he has received discounts on holidays, tyres, and his new car by using his added UNTU benefits. “When I was appointed at Transnet Engineering Koedoespoort in Pretoria I compared the two unions available and found that UNTU is the one with the best benefits. I have never been in trouble at work, so I have not yet required any representation from UNTU, but I have enjoyed using all the additional benefits of the Union like discount when you buy a new Ford or Hyundai, the discount at so many holiday resorts and the discount on tyres.” Sibanjoni, an electrical fitter, and his wife, Francina, also an electrical fitter, loves travelling throughout South Africa with their three children. In December, they started their holiday by visiting Francina’s family in Polokwane before heading out for their journey. “We love Durban and Cape Town, but UNTU Palms is simply our favourite holiday resort. It is beautiful and so relaxing to stay

right next to the sea,” he says. Sibanjoni was recently re-elected as an UNTU TUR in the Transnet Engineering Loco Building department. “I love my job and I am excited about the new projects coming our way,” he says. Sibanjoni grew up in Atteridgeville and wanted to study engineering but did not have the money to do so. Instead, he went to college and became an artisan. He started his career as a millwright. “I enjoy being a TUR because I can ensure that workers are treated fairly and that managers act according to the variation agreement and our policies and rules. Having the power to challenge management as a TUR, eases the burden of workers. “Our UNTU Branch is one big family. There is always someone from leadership available to listen and provide advice when you need it. I want to skill myself and grow in the Union’s structures.” When Sibanjoni is not working, he coaches children’s soccer at a club. “I believe that sport keeps our children off the streets. It gives me the opportunity to teach them valuable life skills at the same time.”

## Danie determined to reach **ideal weight**

**W**hen confronted with the threat of possibly becoming a diabetic after being diagnosed with high blood sugar, UNTU member Danie Heymans (51) decided to adjust his lifestyle. By cutting out sugar, starch, alcohol and going for a walk daily, Heymans, a train driver for Metrorail in Vereeniging, has already lost more than 20 kg since 3 January 2021. He now weighs 177 kg and is determined to reach his ideal weight of 120 kg.

“I always had excellent eyesight. I realised something was wrong when my eyesight was suddenly rapidly deteriorating, and I decided to go to the doctor. He tested my blood sugar, and it was 12.8 – which is extremely high.

“The doctor warned me that I was playing with fire if I don’t adjust my lifestyle and my diet as I was running the risk of becoming a diabetic. I lost my late mother to diabetes and it is a profoundly serious chronic condition.”

With the support of his wife, Gretha, the pair adjusted their lifestyle by taking daily walks, eating healthier and having smaller portions of food.

“I love eating bread and ‘slap’ chips, but that is something of the past. I am still young. My children are 15 and 16 years of age. They need me, so it is a small sacrifice to make for my family.”

He gets a lot of compliments and support from his “family” of colleagues at work.



▲ Danie Heymans

This is not the first time Heymans went on a strict diet. In 2010 Danie lost 54 kg after he started struggling with sleep apnoea.

“Unfortunately, I regained all the weight when I stopped the diet. Doctors then discovered I had an underactive thyroid gland.”

This time, Heymans is determined not to regain the weight he lost. “I stopped smoking a year ago and with the weight I lost to date, I have much more energy and sleep well,” he says.

Heymans has been a train driver since 1994. He loves his job. “Yes, we went through a period where the commuters were giving us a hard time, but now it is as though they have empathy for our situation like we have with the challenges they face,” says Heymans. 🌟



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# Reinstated after unfair dismissal

## Thanks to UNTU's excellent representation Nthabiseng has her job back

**N**thabiseng Nteko will forever be grateful to UNTU after she got reinstated by the Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration (CCMA) after being unfairly dismissed by the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (Prasa).

"Freddie Grobler, UNTU Branch Chairman of Metro South, represented me so well at the CCMA that the Commissioner saw that I did nothing wrong and reinstated me.

"I was so stressed. I am a single mother of three children and my mother was terribly ill when I got dismissed, but thanks to UNTU I have my job back as a ticket sales agent at Metrorail in Vereeniging," says Nteko (43).

Grobler (52), a train driver at the Elandsfontein Station for the past twenty years, says right from the beginning Nteko had proof that she did nothing wrong.

During the period of February 2018 to June 2018, she was repeatedly attacked by furious commuters who wanted their train fare back after the train did not arrive on time. "She was working alone at night in the ticket sales office with no security

in sight. When threatened, she would lock the money in the safe and flee the office for her own safety. She only cashed-up the next morning when she returned to work."

According to Grobler, Prasa charged her with rolling of the cash and dismissed her. However, the CCMA found that she had proof that she did not roll the cash and ordered that she be reinstated with immediate effect.

Grobler says he cannot recall how many UNTU members he got reinstated since he became an UNTU Trade Union Representative.

He believes in fairness and is passionate about serving UNTU members to the best of his ability, irrespective of their position.

"Being a TUR is a very ungrateful job. Sometimes you work a case knowing that the member was in the wrong, but you try to find a way to correct the behaviour in future. At times, as was the case with Nteko, you know that she was treated unfairly and that drives me to correct the injustice.

"My advice to members is to always be totally honest with your TUR from the get go so that he or she can guide you correctly right from the start," adds Grobler. ❖



▲ Freddie Grobler, UNTU Branch Chairman of Metro South, represented Nthabiseng Nteko, a ticket sales agent at Metrorail in Vereeniging, at the CCMA.

## Meet your new Deputy General Secretary, Tembile Mggqolozana

**T**he year 2021 started off as a new chapter in the lives of the Mggqolozana family when they left Cape Town behind and relocated to Pretoria.

Tembile Mggqolozana (44) was appointed as Deputy General Secretary of UNTU responsible for Transnet Engineering, Transnet Housing and Transnet Corporate from 11 January 2021. He used to be an UNTU Organiser at UNTU House in Parow, Cape Town.

"I am extremely excited about my new role. This is a great opportunity for personal growth, but also a calling to make a difference to the lives of all UNTU members. I aim to study Advance Labour Law at the University of Pretoria soon. I would like to one day become the General Secretary of the most progressive Union in the transport industry."

Mggqolozana was a technical worker at Transnet Engineering in Salt River when he was elected as a Trade Union Representative (TUR). After he became a TUR, he realised that he was displaced in his career at Transnet because he loved assisting UNTU members. He resigned in 2016 and joined UNTU.

According to him, there are a lot of challenges awaiting workers in the current economic conditions amidst the global Covid-19 pandemic.

"It is now more important than ever before that workers belong to trade unions to protect their rights. I would



▲ Tembile Mggqolozana with his beautiful family.

recommend those who have resigned from their union, to join UNTU without delay," says Mggqolozana.

Although the Mggqolozanas enjoyed living in Cape Town, they absolutely adore Pretoria. "It is like a breath of fresh air. The friendliness of everyone in Pretoria is so welcoming. I can compare it to Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth) where I grew up."

His wife, Buyiswa, got a transfer to TE Koedoespoort where she is working as an artisan.

The family has discovered the open markets in the city and the Pretoria National Botanical Gardens. Up next is the nine metre tall bronze statue of Nelson Mandela at the Union Buildings. ❖

## Sakhile's dream of becoming an Organiser comes true

**S**akhile Mthethwa (30) can now follow in the footsteps of his father, Alfred Mthethwa (72), after he was appointed as an Organiser of UNTU.

"It is a dream come true. My father has always been my role-model and inspiration. He never stopped believing in me and always encouraged me to achieve my goals. I would love nothing more than to make him proud," says Mthethwa.

He was appointed as an UNTU Organiser for Gauteng from 11 January 2021. This is a huge responsibility, as Mthethwa will be the right hand at UNTU House in Johannesburg for the UNTU Branch Leadership and all Trade Union Representatives in Gauteng.

Mthethwa cannot wait to relocate from his home in Richards Bay to Johannesburg.

He is the youngest of six children of Alfred, UNTU Organiser in Richards Bay. Mthethwa started working in maritime shipping and logistics after school but got retrenched in 2015.

He then became a long-distance driver for a company delivering water all over the Eastern Cape.

He is a single parent of a 10-year-old daughter after her mother passed on in December 2019. "She is my hope for the future. I want to work hard so that one day I will be able to help her to also achieve her goals," says Mthethwa.

He dreamt of becoming a professional soccer player, but an ankle injury prevented him from playing for two years.



▲ Sakhile Mthethwa

He is now playing again and spends all his free time on the soccer field as a striker.

Mthethwa wants to grow UNTU by recruiting as many members as possible.

"UNTU is a home for all its members, irrespective of their race or political beliefs. At UNTU we worry about protecting your job and helping you to stay out of trouble. At home you do whatever you want.

"It is easy for members to decide to make UNTU their Union of choice because it has the best benefits of all trade unions," he adds. ❖

# 2021 kicks off on high note for Kaylee

17-year old matric learner qualifies as **Designated Safety Officer for Lifesaving SA**

**A**fter a difficult 2020, Kaylee Carstens could not have asked for a better jump-start to 2021. The 17-year-old daughter of Sonja Carstens, Media, Liaison and Communication Officer of UNTU, passed her re-test as a qualified lifesaver, she passed her learners licence and qualified as a Designated Safety Officer of Lifesaving South Africa (LSA).

"This is a very big responsibility as it is my duty to ensure that athletes and others taking part in Lifesaving can do so without fear of harassment or abuse," says Carstens, a matric learner at Hoërskool Overkruin in Pretoria.

She learnt how to swim the four different styles when she was only three years old. In Grade 1 she started swimming competitively for the swimming team of her primary school.

A few years later she started



participating at the Northern Tigers Swimming (NTS) Championships.

"I got bored and wanted to try something new. That is when I joined the Aqua Martina Lifesaving Club, became a lifesaver and started competing in lifesaving."

Carstens is also one of the coaches of Gauteng North Lifesaving's Tshwane Learn To Swim Programme that teaches young children how to swim in municipal

swimming pools. In 2019 she won a bronze medal at the South African Lifesaving Championships in Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth).

"Lifesaving came to a standstill in 2020 due to the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic because of the closure of municipal swimming pools as part of Government's regulations to combat the spreading of the virus.

"I decided beforehand that I won't be

competing in my matric year as I want to focus solely on my schoolwork. That was when a new door opened and gave me the opportunity to still make a meaningful contribution through lifesaving as Designated Safety Officer and continuing to work as a lifesaver at public pools and events as part of our community work," says Carstens.

It is the duty of the designated safeguarding officer to ensure that everyone involved in lifesaving understands that all forms of harassment and abuse are unacceptable and will not be tolerated. The officers must also ensure that anyone who has witnessed, or experienced harassment or abuse can report the incident without fear of victimisation or retaliation and ensure that there is an appropriate response to any incidents.

Carstens is not yet certain what she wants to study after matric, but is considering medical research, information technology or accounting. ▼

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- Ambulance and other transport in emergency
- School-work assistance to children
- Assistance with admission to medical facilities
- Disability cover for up to R25 000
- Family income benefit of R1 000 per month included for 6 months
- Accidental death
- Member may continue with this policy after retirement

Optional benefits may be included (to add these benefits to your plan, an additional monthly premium will be payable)

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# BUSTED: Pitiful guest houses for UNTU members

A delegation of the United National Transport Union (UNTU) consisting of UNTU Executive Council Members Linda Biljoen and Fisani Mabaso and UNTU Full-time Trade Union Representatives Noah Mathekga and Shuping Seatlholo, visited guest houses in Newcastle, KwaZulu-Natal with representatives from Transnet Freight Rail Management.

According to Biljoen, UNTU members have been complaining about the quality

and portions of the food, the dirty linen, rooms and bathrooms and the overall service of two specified guest houses.

"The delegation found these two guest houses to be unsuitable and Transnet agreed to suspend its service agreement with both with immediate effect.

"The only two guest houses to be allowed will be the Airport Lodge and the Hilldrop. The other two guest houses will be revisited after they indicated that they are compliant to the Covid-19 protocol

outlined by the South African Government regulations in terms of the National Disaster Management Act," says Biljoen.

According to her, inspections like these will be conducted regularly in future.

UNTU members are welcome to lodge their complaints by sending an e-mail with your SAP number and contact details to enquiries@untu.co.za

All information will be treated as confidential. ✎



Fisani Mabaso, Noah Mathekga, Linda Biljoen and Shuping Seatlholo visited guest houses in Newcastle.



## UNTU STOP ORDER

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- Formula for calculating subscription: 1% of basic monthly salary (minimum of R48,00 and a maximum of R83,00).
- I, the undersigned, hereby authorise the relevant company as indicated in the table below to monthly deduct the amount as calculated per the above formula from my salary, and to pay this amount to UNTU.

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Chantel Coetzee and George Warrington.



## FTUR's receive diplomas

UNTU Full-time Trade Union Representatives (FTUR's) George Warrington and Chantel Coetzee graduated with their Postgraduate Diplomas in Labour Law from the University of the Western Cape. This enables Warrington (58) and Coetzee (33) to apply to become Commissioners of the Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration (CCMA).

According to Warrington it was a big challenge for him to study again at his age, but he grabbed the challenge knowing that it will assist him to serve UNTU members better.

"I learnt a lot about the Labour Relations Act, the CCMA and its rules and case law that I have not used previously. I can use this to prepare myself even better and improve my arguments when assisting members.

"I will encourage all UNTU members to study if they can get a bursary from Transnet. You are never too old to learn and better equip yourself," says Warrington.

Coetzee, who is eight months pregnant with her second child, says she took up the challenge to improve her service delivery to members. The diploma assists her with the variety of aspects that a Commissioner of the CCMA has to consider when presiding on a matter. "It opened up a vast variety of aspects for me to explore when assisting members and I would highly recommend it to all my fellow FTUR's," says Coetzee.

As a mother of a five-year-old and working full-time, Coetzee had to do careful time management to manage all her assignments and to study. She also underwent an operation while studying. "It was difficult and required sacrifices, but it was worth the effort," she says.

Both Warrington and Coetzee plan to do their Master's next year. They could not apply in 2021 because they were awaiting their results.

Warrington is also the Chairman of Fedusa in the Western Cape where he represents the Federation as part of Organised Labour at the National Economic Development and Labour Council (Nedlac). ✎



# UNTU appeals to Government to merge Prasa and Transnet

“Only Transnet has the expertise required to **save passenger rail** from complete ruin”

**U**NTU applied to the Presidential Task Team on state-owned enterprises to merge Prasa and Transnet as it was before Government dismantled the two organisations in 2005.

Steve Harris, General Secretary of UNTU who serves on the Task Team, says UNTU resubmitted the application after President Cyril Ramaphosa failed to respond to UNTU’s memorandum of demands handed to his offices on 26 July 2019 to merge Prasa back into Transnet as it only makes financial sense.

“Only Transnet has the expertise required to save passenger rail in South Africa from complete ruin. Passenger rail is vital to alleviate poverty in South Africa as it provides the cheapest form of public transport to the poorest of the poor.

“By merging Prasa back into Transnet, Government will achieve its goal to move

commuters and goods from our road to rail,” says Harris.

Transnet has some 36 000 km of installed railway lines – 75% of the total African rail capacity. But because Transnet Freight Rail has become unreliable, roads now carry almost 80% of land freight in South Africa. Only 10% of South Africans commute by trains because the services are so unreliable. Two thirds of South African households spend more than 20% of their monthly household income on public transport.

Since Lucky Montana, former Chief Executive Officer of Prasa, was fired on 16 June 2015, the organisation has had nine Acting Chief Executive Officers. The current CEO, Zolani Matthews, was appointed on 1 March 2021.

According to Harris, Prasa’s unstable top management resulted in competent and skilled employees leaving Prasa for the private sector or to return to Transnet.

On 10 November 2020, the Auditor-

General raised concern about the disrepair of Prasa’s assets, record-keeping, irregular expenditure and repeated areas of concern.

The vandalism and theft of Prasa’s infrastructure during the Covid-19 lockdown was so severe that Prasa could only resume operations on 14 lines in four provinces. Prasa had to rent diesel locomotives from Transnet because it cannot run electric locomotives without overhead cables, says Harris.

“Most positions within Prasa are duplicated in Transnet. Critical vacancies will be addressed in Prasa and Transnet if they are merged. Together they will be better equipped to deal with all the rail related challenges.

“Prasa owns 317 of the 468 train stations in South Africa. Prasa pays Transnet Freight Rail (TFR) to use its 36 000 km of railway lines to operate Shosholozo Meyl while TFR is still operating the luxurious Blue Train,” says Harris.

Currently Prasa cannot adhere to two Constitutional Court Judgements against it. The Constitutional Court held that Prasa is responsible for safeguarding the physical well-being of passengers. Prasa had a legal duty to ensure that the doors were closed while the train was in motion, but commuters simply forced the train doors open.

“One would expect that the Railway Safety Regulator (RSR), the watchdog over rail safety in South Africa, will force Prasa to comply with the Court order, yet the regulator fails to do so. The problem is that there is a ‘brother and sister’ relationship between the RSR and Prasa because they report to the same Department and its Minister, the Minister of Transport.

“This would not occur if Prasa is merged with Transnet, as it will then report to the Minister of Public Enterprises and the RSR will no longer have conflicting interests when it needs to act against Prasa,” concludes Harris. ▼

## VICTORY: Railway Safety Regulator reinstates industry leave

**U**NTU and the Railway Safety Regulator (RSR) is heading to the Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration (CCMA) after the RSR reinstated industry leave but refused to backdate its decision.

Steve Harris, General Secretary of UNTU, says the Union questioned the RSR Board’s unilateral changes to the Employment Agreement of the Union’s members after this leave was suspended last year. The result was that RSR employees had to submit annual leave for the period between Christmas and New Year, a period during which they used to enjoy industry leave.

According to Harris, the RSR acted *mala fide* when it reinstated industry leave but refused to backdate its decision. UNTU will refer the dispute over the RSR’s refusal to backdate the decision to the CCMA.

Clause 8.1.3 of the Employment Agreement for RSR employees states: “The Employee will be entitled to industry leave, with full pay, during the Christmas to New Year period, commencing on the 25th of December and

ending on the 1st of January, each calendar year.”

According to the newsletter, *EXCO Resolutions*, issued in November 2020, employees were forced to take compulsory leave during the Christmas and New Year period (25 December 2020 to 1 January 2021). It went further to state that “employees should ensure that they have sufficient leave balances to cater for this period of leave.”

It was brought to the attention of UNTU by our members at the RSR that “industry leave” referred to in the Employment Agreement has always been taken in addition to the 21 days accrued leave days. It was standard practice at the RSR that this period was treated as a special leave benefit and was practised in this manner in December 2019.

In 2016, UNTU won a Labour Court case against Transnet after the state-owned enterprise forced employees to take annual leave over the festive period.

Judge Connie Prinsloo ruled that Transnet breached the terms of a Collective Agreement when it unilaterally forced employees in low operational divisions to take leave over the December 2015/January 2016 Festive Season. ▼





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Class of 2020 managed to rise to the occasion and **exceed expectations** against all odds

The United National Transport Union (UNTU) is immensely proud to congratulate the 2020 matriculants who passed what was surely the most trying academic year since our democracy. You will forever in history be remembered as the Covid-19 matrices. Each member of UNTU knows that our future lies in the hands of our children. In the words of late President Nelson Mandela: "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." The Class of 2020 had to endure the severely devastating impact of the global outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic but still managed to rise to the occasion and exceed expectations against all odds. UNTU would like to applaud them, their parents, grandparents, godparents, uncles, aunts, loved ones, and friends who supported them, believed in them and had a helping hand available to help them to reach their goals. With hard work, commitment, and dedication we will turn our dreams into a reality.



Matthew Vosloo, son of Annemarie Vosloo, personal assistant to Steve Harris, General Secretary of UNTU.



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**Danica Emily Lawrence, daughter of Sonia Lawrence, UNTU member at Transnet Port Terminals.**

# When the money dries up

## No more money to fund sanitary towels for underprivileged girls

**T**rain Control Officer Maria Kekana (Segodi)'s project to annually donate sanitary towels to underprivileged girls in rural schools in Limpopo suffered a massive blow due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

"All of a sudden people who have been supporting the project for years, were retrenched or their salaries were cut, or they were left without any income during the hard lockdown. They simply don't have the money to support the project anymore," says Kekana (38), a mother of two boys who recently got married.

According to experts, it would take South Africa's economy four years to recover from the negative impact of the hard lockdown, especially on small and medium businesses.

Kekana, who works at Transnet Pyramid South in Pretoria, started her project after she realised that her former



◀ Maria Kekana with the sanitary towels that was donated in 2019. Due to Covid-19, financial support for Kekana's project has dried up completely.

high school, Kabela High School, is so remote in a rural area in Limpopo that it never receives donations of sanitary towels when business and organisations host drives, especially in celebration of International Nelson Mandela Day annually on 18 July.

She started her project because she knows thousands of girls stay at home

during that time of the month because they do not have money for sanitary towels and are afraid to get teased at school.

"By donating sanitary towels, the campaign creates awareness with the girls who are not yet getting their periods. In our culture, mothers, especially in the rural areas, have a tendency not to talk about these things. Girls do not know what to expect from the physical changes in their bodies. So when it happens, girls tend to hide it and think they did something wrong," says Kekana.

She believes Government should provide all schoolgirls with free sanitary towels.

"At first, I thought of giving up, but I decided not to, even if I will only be able to run my project on a much smaller scale this year. Even a little can make a huge difference. I know that those who can contribute, will continue to support me."

Kekana does her annual handover of the sanitary towels on 19 September. ▼



## COVID TESTS

If you buy a ticket for the world-famous Blue Train, you get a free coronavirus test. Using it is not optional. The **TRANSNET**-operated passenger train announced it introduced compulsory rapid antigen testing for passengers and staff, *Business Insider* reports. Check-in lounges in Pretoria and Cape Town now have medical staff to take samples before passengers board, the train says. Guests get their results within an hour. Those who aren't cleared are helped to postpone their trips.



## REINSTATED

Three executives fired by the **PASSENGER RAIL AGENCY OF SOUTH AFRICA** (Prasa) have been reinstated by court order. Acting Judge Moses Baloyi in the Johannesburg Labour Court has ruled that Martha Ngoye, Tiro Holele, and Nkosinathi Khenka, three executives fired by Prasa, must be reinstated. This follows a similar ruling by Judge Edwin Tlhothlhamajie, also in the Labour Court, that Prasa executive Pearl Munthali be reinstated. Prasa Chairperson Leonard Ramatlakane said that Prasa will appeal the ruling, calling the judgment "flawed in law". There was no indication whether the rail agency will also appeal the Munthali ruling, *GroundUp* reported.



## R600 MILLION

Damage to its pipelines caused by thieves cost **TRANSNET** almost R600 million in the past financial year. According to the company, it had to fork out R594,5 million for the repair and rehabilitation of oil spills due to the damage that fuel thieves caused to its pipeline. In October 2020, more than 40,000 liters of crude oil were dumped into the Umbilo River in Durban after a pipe was damaged by fuel thieves. In 2020, Transnet had a total of 80 incidents of theft on its pipelines. Transnet expects its revenue to decline by 15% in the financial year ending in March, *Netwerk24* reported. **Also read the article on page 4.**

# Captain Gaceni: The day the music died

**P**rasa has its very own Tsonga traditional artist, Captain Gaceni, but Covid-19 has had such a negative impact on Duncan Mathe's career that he cannot even record his fourth album.

"The other artists in the music industry and I are not allowed to perform due to Government's restrictions to combat the spreading of the virus. This is a huge financial blow to artists all over the country," says Mathe (31), a driver for Prasa based in Capital Park, Pretoria.

He was used to getting an additional income by performing weekly and used that money to treat his family.

"This is very depressing to me. I feel very bad. It is like a part of me suddenly died. Music is in my blood. Music took

me places. I had so much going for me and now all of it is taken away by something beyond our control," says the UNTU Trade Union Representative.

His greatest wish is for Government to meet its goal to get 67% of the South African population vaccinated and achieve herd-immunity.

"I think everyone wants to have a normal life again. To walk around without a face mask and visiting whomever you want without being afraid."

He started performing as part of a group of dancers at weddings and parties when he was a child and went on to work with big names like DJ Tshineta, Kenny Bevuhla, Magadafi and Prince Rhangani. Mathe grew up in Malamulele in Limpopo. He relocated to Gauteng in 2004. ▼



▲ Captain Gaceni

# Draughts Champion demoralised by Covid-19

**T**he Covid-19 pandemic is delaying shore crane operator Melikaya Nonyukela's dream to make South Africa proud by becoming the country's first World Draughts Champion.

Nonyukela (47) works at Transnet's Port of Ngqura and UNTU has been following his quest for the past five years. At the World Draughts Championship in the United States, he achieved a third place. He also got his national colours in the sport.

"I used the fact that the World Championship was postponed in 2020 to my advantage by practising really hard. But now it is uncertain if there will be a World Championship in 2021. Chances seem highly unlikely due to the third wave of the pandemic.

"This is very frustrating. I need to



▲ Melikaya Nonyukela

compete to test my skills. I want the opportunity to measure myself against the best of the best. Not being able to do so, is like practising in a vacuum. It is very demoralising. I don't want to get lazy."

Nonyukela also lost his mother in November last year and now she will not be present if he reaches his dream.

Transnet also stopped employees from playing draughts during breaks in line with the Covid-19 protocol to combat the spreading of the virus. This means that Nonyukela also can't transfer his skills to others, something he loves to do.

The training programmes he was running at schools in the Eastern Cape also came to a halt.

"I know we have to be strong and must never give up, but this pandemic is terrible, and we can only pray for it to end soon."

Nonyukela's uncle and grandfather taught him how to play Draughts when he was a little boy, growing up in the small town of Peddie in the Eastern Cape. ▼



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UNTU Palms model and trained flight attendant, Catelyn Mckenzie.

## UNTU Palms model Catelyn wants to **see the world**

**C**atelyn Mckenzie (19) has just taken her first step to reach her dream to see the world by completing her training as a qualified flight attendant.

The granddaughter of UNTU Executive Council member Linda Biljoen and model for UNTU's seashore family holiday resort, UNTU Palms, says she ultimately wants to see every corner of the world, meet as many different people as possible and broaden her horizons.

"My grandma has always been my inspiration and my biggest role-model. She had very little and had to work very hard to achieve her goals. She never depended on anyone, but managed to continue growing," says Mckenzie.

She has been modelling since she was five years old but decided that

she wanted to do more with her life. Mckenzie matriculated in 2019 and started prioritising her career as a flight attendant with the support of her family.

"My next step will be landing a job at one of the big airlines. I hope to fly with many UNTU members soon."

Her grandmother is one of the directors of UNTU Palms and when Mckenzie heard the resort was looking for a model to advertise its first ever UNTU Palms towel special, she immediately volunteered.

"UNTU Palms is one of my favourite places. It is clean, nice and cosy. You can listen to and smell the sea every minute of the day. I would recommend the resort to everyone. It is an honour to be associated with UNTU Palms," she says.

## Wedding ring returned safely

**W**illem Singleton, former Vice-President of UTATU, one of the merger unions that became UNTU, realised he had forgotten his wedding ring when he was midway on his journey back to Pretoria from UNTU Palms.

According to his wife, Zelda, she immediately notified the friendly staff at the UNTU Palms reception that the ring her husband had been wearing the past 33 years was left behind. Within 30 minutes her call was returned. The ring was found and safely stored. "I simply adore UNTU Palms. I grew up in KwaZulu-Natal. For the

past 18 years we have been visiting UNTU Palms as a family. It is a safe and secure environment, ideal for families where children can ride their bicycles knowing that the residents look out for each other. UNTU Palms is where lasting friendships are made," says Zelda.

She loves the fact that everything she needs is at the resort and there is no need to drive to the nearest town, Port Shepstone, if you forgot something at home.

"I love everything from the friendly staff to the fact that I am staying right next to the sea. Coming from Gauteng safety is of utmost importance to me," adds Zelda.



Kobus and Nicolé van Aswegen.

## Management team marry

The Covid-19 pandemic played havoc with the wedding plans of the UNTU Palms management team, Kobus and Nicolé van Aswegen, but in the end it was worth the wait. Five years after they started dating, Kobus and Nicolé became husband and wife in a beautiful beach ceremony on 7 March 2021. They were due to tie the knot on 4 April 2020, but the lockdown prevented them from doing so. They decided to wait in order to have their friends and family present. UNTU congratulates the happy couple.