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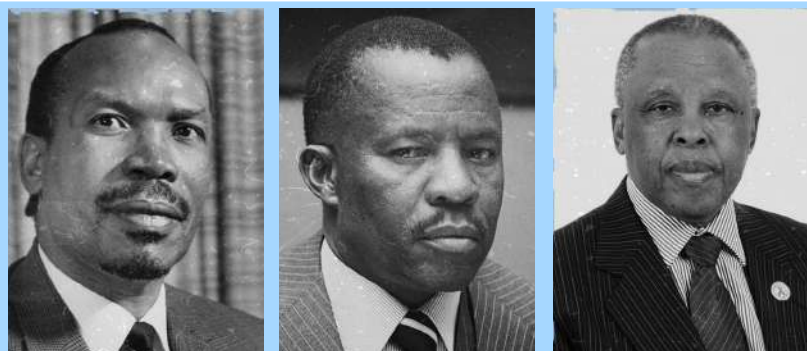
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Broadway Shift Magazine is the official publication of Broadway Motors, dedicated to sharing updates about our dealership, including community initiatives, in-house developments, Shell Ultra City Mahalapye and all things Toyota. Based in Mahalapye, Broadway Toyota is a citizen-owned dealership authorised to sell, service, and provide genuine parts for Toyota vehicles in Botswana. We take pride in being part of the Toyota family and in serving our customers with excellence.



THE PEOPLE'S SOCCER MAN: Mawito joins CSRFA Committee



He has cheered from the touchlines, fought for struggling teams and even reached into his own pocket to keep football alive. He backed the teams when nobody else would. His rise is the story of a man who never stopped believing in the beautiful game. Now, the man known across Central South football simply as Witness "Mawito" Phuthogo has stormed into the Central South Regional Football Association (CSRFA) Committee, carrying the hopes of a region that knows his love for the game is second to none.

For many within the football fraternity, the appointment feels less like a victory at the ballot box and more like football finally rewarding one of its most loyal servants. Long before committee meetings and election campaigns, Mawito was living the game. A talented footballer in his own right, he represented several teams before a career-ending injury forced him away from the pitch. Yet while his playing days may have come to an abrupt halt, his love affair with football was only just beginning.

Refusing to walk away from the sport he cherished, Mawito transitioned into football administration and management, joining Botswana Railways Highlanders as General Manager — a position he continues to hold today.

But Mawito's impact has never been confined to a single club.
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Known throughout the region for his generosity and passion, he became a champion of football itself rather than any one badge or jersey. Whether it was a struggling village side preparing for a crucial fixture, a local tournament searching for sponsorship, or a playoff event needing support, Mawito was often among the first to answer the call. He tirelessly sought donations, rallied sponsors and, on numerous occasions, reached into his own pocket to ensure teams could fulfil important league commitments when resources were scarce.

His philosophy has always been simple: football must win. That belief has earned him admiration from supporters, players, administrators and rival clubs alike. It is not uncommon to see Mawito cheering on teams that are not his own, celebrating the growth of the game wherever it flourishes.



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THE TRUTH INSIDE: THE NEW GENERATION HILUX WHAT'S NEW?

For decades, the Toyota Hilux has been the undisputed king of Africa's roads, farms, mines and construction sites. From the dusty backroads of Botswana to the rugged terrain of Southern Africa, the Hilux has built a reputation on one simple promise: it gets the job done.

Now, Toyota has unveiled the highly anticipated ninth-generation Hilux, and while the formula remains reassuringly familiar, this latest model arrives with meaningful upgrades that elevate its toughness, technology, safety and everyday usability.

At first glance, the new Hilux makes a bold statement. The redesigned front fascia is dominated by a stronger, more upright grille that gives the bakkie a commanding road presence. Beyond the visual impact, the new grille has been engineered to improve airflow to the engine while enhancing front-end durability, ensuring the Hilux remains ready for the demanding environments it was born to conquer.

The Raider and Legend derivatives further reinforce this rugged character

with a prominent skid plate design and underbody protection. These features safeguard critical mechanical components when tackling rocky trails, rough construction sites or unforgiving gravel roads.

One of the most practical additions is the cleverly integrated deckside access step. Positioned neatly at the rear corner of the load bin, it allows users to climb into the cargo area with ease, eliminating the need to awkwardly step onto tyres or rear bumpers. It's a simple innovation, but one perfectly suited to the way Hilux owners use their vehicles every day, whether loading tools, farm supplies, delivery goods or camping equipment.

Toyota has also strengthened the Hilux's braking credentials. The flagship Legend double cab now receives rear disc brakes, a feature previously reserved for the performance-focused GR-S model. Compared to traditional drum brakes, the new setup delivers stronger and more consistent stopping power, particularly when towing, carrying heavy loads or navigating long downhill descents.

Attention to detail extends to the exterior design. A refreshed Hilux badge now sits on a textured, grained backing material that has been developed to better withstand harsh operating conditions. The new finish is designed to resist visible wear and maintain its appearance for longer, reflecting the Hilux's reputation for durability while giving the vehicle a more contemporary look.

Similarly, Toyota has introduced a body-colour camera housing that seamlessly integrates into the vehicle's exterior styling. Instead of utilitarian black plastic casings, the cameras now blend into the bodywork, creating a cleaner and more premium appearance while retaining the durability required for everyday use.

Inside, the Hilux takes a significant leap into the digital age. Dominating the dashboard is a new 12.3-inch touchscreen infotainment system that provides crisp graphics, intuitive controls and seamless access to navigation, media functions, smartphone (continued on page 3)

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The Legend grade also introduces Adaptive Full-Speed Cruise Control, one of the most advanced driver assistance features ever fitted to a Hilux.

Wireless convenience is another welcome addition. Both Raider and Legend models now feature an integrated wireless charging pad, allowing occupants to charge compatible smartphones without the clutter of cables.

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For audio, the Hilux Legend raises the bar even further with a premium JBL-engineered sound system paired with its 12.3-inch display audio unit. The result is richer, clearer sound quality that transforms every drive, whether commuting through town or crossing long stretches of open road.

The new-generation Hilux does not seek to reinvent a legend. Instead, Toyota has carefully evolved its bestselling bakkie by enhancing the areas that matter most to modern owners. It remains every bit as tough, dependable and capable as its predecessors, but now adds greater sophistication, smarter technology and improved comfort to the equation.

For African buyers who demand a vehicle that can work hard, travel far and still deliver modern convenience, the 2026 Toyota Hilux looks ready to continue a legacy that has been decades in the making.

connectivity and vehicle settings. The system is designed to make every journey easier, whether navigating city traffic or exploring remote destinations.

Complementing the central display is a new high-resolution 12.3-inch digital instrument cluster available on Raider and Legend models. The modern display presents critical driving information with exceptional clarity and can be customised to suit driver preferences, bringing the Hilux firmly into the modern era.

Technology upgrades continue with the introduction of a Panoramic View Monitor. Using multiple cameras positioned around the vehicle, the system creates a comprehensive bird's-eye view of the surrounding environment. This proves particularly useful when manoeuvring in tight spaces, reversing trailers or navigating difficult off-road obstacles where visibility can be limited.

The Legend grade also introduces Adaptive Full-Speed Cruise Control, one of the most advanced driver assistance features ever fitted to a Hilux. Using radar and camera technology, the system automatically maintains a safe following distance from vehicles ahead, adjusting speed in traffic and even bringing the vehicle to a complete stop when necessary before resuming travel when conditions allow.

Driving refinement receives attention too. The introduction of Electric Multi-Function Power Steering on the Hilux Legend enhances steering precision while reducing effort during low-speed manoeuvres. Meanwhile, the traditional handbrake makes way for a modern Electric Parking Brake, offering greater convenience and helping to create a cleaner cabin layout.

BROADWAY TOYOTA SHARES SKILLS WITH MDC FLEET OPERATORS

A new hazardous waste vehicle has joined the Mahalapye District Council fleet, but Broadway Toyota delivered more than just a set of keys. Fleet operators received specialist training, while a showcase of Toyota's cutting-edge hybrid technology left council officials excited about a quieter, fuel-saving future.



Broadway Toyota Mahalapye has handed over a custom-built refrigerated hazardous waste vehicle to the Mahalapye District Council, marking a boost for the council's fleet operations.

But the keys were only the beginning. The dealership also equipped council fleet operators with hands-on training, led by Witness Phuthego, who guided the team through the vehicle's specialised refrigeration system, operational features and technical setup.

The session went beyond the new waste carrier, with council officials also getting a taste of Toyota's hybrid technology. Impressed by its ultra-quiet battery-powered operation and fuel-saving potential, the team hailed the innovation as a possible game-changer as rising fuel costs continue to squeeze community outreach budgets.



Government reinstates GEMVAS

The Directorate of Public Service Management (DPSM) has reopened applications for the Government Employees Motor Vehicle and Residence Advance Scheme (GEMVAS), ending a temporary suspension that had been in place since March this year.

The suspension followed the expiry of the government's agreement with participating commercial banks, temporarily halting new applications while the arrangement was being renewed. In a notice seen by this publication, DPSM

confirmed that the scheme resumed accepting new applications with effect from 15 June 2026, paving the way for eligible public servants to once again access the financing facility.

The Directorate said the government remains committed to supporting public servants through its guaranteed loan arrangement, assuring employees that the scheme continues to form part of efforts to improve their welfare and financial security.

GEMVAS enables qualifying civil servants to secure affordable financing, backed by government guarantees, for the purchase of motor vehicles and residential properties.

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Speaking after his election, Mawito noted that he is no stranger to the CSRFA leadership structures, having previously served as a specially elected member during the final two years of the outgoing committee. This time, however, the football community handed him a stronger mandate.

In the election for Additional Member, Mawito emerged victorious with 21 votes, comfortably ahead of Mogogi Olebetse and Montlamedi Elijah, who each received 13 votes, while Onkabetse Lentletse finished without a vote.

CSRFA Chairman Mugove "Striker" Chiwita welcomed Mawito's appointment, expressing confidence that his experience, commitment and passion will help drive the region's football ambitions forward.

Chiwita said he looks forward to working closely with Mawito and the new committee as they pursue the region's long-term vision of greater independence, including the establishment of a dedicated stadium and administration offices that will reduce reliance on the Botswana Football Association.

For a man who has spent years giving his time, energy and resources to football without seeking recognition, the appointment represents more than a personal achievement. It is a victory for every volunteer, every supporter and every believer who understands that football's greatest heroes are not always found under the floodlights. Sometimes, they are found on the touchline, quietly ensuring the beautiful game continues to thrive. And for Central South football, Mawito's story is far from over.

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Speaking on behalf of Broadway Toyota Mahalapye, Joseph Rocky Tamari said serving the community has always been part of the dealership's purpose. "Our doors remain open to requests for assistance. Every request is considered with care, and wherever our business performance and budget allow, management will always strive to share with the communities in which we operate. Even when times are difficult, we believe that giving is not measured by how much you have, but by the willingness to help those who need it most."

In a gesture that spoke louder than words, Broadway Toyota Mahalapye has once again reached into the heart of its community, donating blankets to Mahalapye Hospital to help bring warmth and comfort to patients during a time of pressing need.

Commenting on the donation, District Commissioner Ernest Phiri praised Broadway Toyota Mahalapye for once again standing shoulder-to-shoulder with the community. With a heart full of gratitude, Phiri thanked the dealership for answering the call in a time of need, saying the blankets would go a long way in helping the hospital continue providing compassionate care to patients awaiting treatment and recovery.

Time and again, he said, the name Broadway Toyota Mahalapye continues to

surface whenever communities need a helping hand. Phiri also reflected on the dealership's previous contribution, when it donated multi-function printers to schools across Mahalapye to support teachers and learners in achieving their academic aspirations.

He appealed to other businesses to follow Broadway Toyota Mahalapye's example, saying no contribution is ever too small when lives and human dignity are at stake. The donation was warmly welcomed by hospital management, social leadership and community representatives, including Kgosi Samuel Bontle of Mahalapye and Parwe Councillor Ontiretse Mogapi, who all expressed sincere appreciation for the timely intervention.

