

## **INTERNET** ARTICLE

## "It is enjoyable if you know the impact of the work you do"

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During a visit that the communications team undertook to the Hartbeespoort Dam to profile the wok that the colleagues at the far flung areas do and the impact of their work, Mr Jeffrey Kgaswane of the Department of Water and Sanitation said "your work is enjoyable if you know the impact of the work you do."

Kgaswane is an Electrical Technician at the department and is stationed at the Hartbeespoort Dam. He is responsible for the refurbishments as well as the electrical and mechanical infrastructure upgrades.

Kgaswane was once a bursary student of the Department in 2004, and took up the opportunity to work for the department because he believed he had a role to play in making a difference to the lives of people where water is concerned.

"Money comes secondary to me; for me it has always been about changing lives, working as a team and making sure the water infrastructure works," said Kgaswane.

Not only is he a dedicated public servant but Kgaswane also plays the saxophone professionally and has 3 in his collection. He is also involved in a number of other projects outside work such as offering music lessons to children in disadvantaged communities.

Asked how he strikes the balance between the work and his musical endeavours Mr Kgaswane said "I cannot choose between my work and the music, I started playing music since 2007, and it's a calling for me."

Kgaswane has played for a few orchestras and also went to the Grahamstown Arts Festival to perform there.

As part of his parting words Kgaswane said education is key to everything, in whatever one does, one must ensure that they produce the best quality product and that the little work one does has a positive impact in the lives of South Africans.

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