## Mayor`s Christmas message

The time of the Year has descended upon us where families come together to celebrate the achievements made over 12 months and to reflect on the challenges faced. It is also the period to open our hearts to those who are less fortunate and cannot enjoy the festivities of the season. It has been a difficult year for the Country as we experienced heat wave that brought drought and a huge loss to the agricultural season.

On the flip side we went into Local government elections that ushered in new Councils that are given mandate to lead for the next five year. We would like to applaud the manner in which the elections were conducted and the way our people displayed the level of maturity and tolerance to each other. This how we can build our country and many can learn from us.

We must commit that this year should be different from other years in terms of road fatalities. We are concerned about many people who are losing their lives on the roads due to the behaviour of other road users. Let us all make sure that people on the roads reach their destinations safely. We call upon people to desist from drinking while driving because we want to save lives on our roads. This can only be achieved if we become careful on the road and respect the lives of other road users.

Let us be aware of those who take advantage of the festive season by committing criminal activities. They know that people will be going for various destinations and target their homes and houses. We must become the custodians of our neighbourhood by reporting suspicious activities to the Police. To our youth stop engaging in consumption of toxicants as they are dangerous to your lives. As we are aware of the scourge of HIV and AIDS let us all protect ourselves and use protection when engaging in sexual activities.

Let me take this opportunity to wish all the people of Fetakgomo-Greater Tubatse Municipality, our stakeholders, social partners and everybody a merry Christmas and a prosperous 2017.

I thank you