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Press Release

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CELEBRATION OF ABHOR WEEK

THE LOWVELD NATIONAL BOTANICAL GARDEN (LNBG): Will be donating 20 trees to the Mbombela ANC Youth League in the spirit of celebrating Abhor week and of promoting conservation of trees. Trees are of significant importance to the sustenance of both human and animal life. Although trees have sustained human life, mankind has really contributed to the present status of tree where some are on the threatened list and/or are facing the possibility of being extinct.

Trees are critical to the quality of our environment for number reasons:

- Trees especially forests offset development impact; they reduce concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.
- Trees keep sediments from entering the rivers and lakes and thereby reduce topsoil erosion.
- Trees are a critical component in the eco-system because they are habitant to numerous small animals and flowering plants.

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- Trees contribute to the beauty and landscape of an area. A beautiful neighbourhood increases the value of the houses in that neighbourhood.

Most unfortunately millions of trees are destroyed annually and a variety of wild animals is dislocated and invades human space causing panic. This encroachment can be avoided if for every tree that is destroyed two or three indigenous and water wise trees are planted.

Through this co-venture with the Mbombela Ward 29 ANC Youth League, the Lowveld National Botanical Garden hopes to assist the Youth League to raise awareness amongst the youth of the significance of caring for the environment.