

The Quick Interview

Movie stars unite local cultures on screen

By MASEGO SEEMELA

What happens when you are desperate to impress your in-laws but accidentally expose your future father-in-law’s secret love affair?

That is one of the plotlines in *How to Ruin Diwali: Meet The Parents*, premiering on October 30 on Netflix.

Sowetan chats to lead stars Rosemary Zimu-Mnguni and Kyle Clark about the magic of the film.

Sowetan: *When you first read the script, what went through your mind?*

Rosemary Zimu-Mnguni: I was about four or five months postpartum, and my brain was just saying, “I need to audition again. I need to get myself back into the costume rooms.” It was one of the first scripts that came to me, and I thought, “Let me just go for it.” I didn’t know if I could do comedy, but I knew I could act. When I read about [my character] Mmabatho, I thought, “I love her. I want to be her.” I knew there were probably funnier people who could have got the role, but I wanted to challenge myself.

Sowetan: *Did playing Vashin reconnect you with parts of your culture?*

Kyle Clark: Absolutely. I come from a predominantly TV-presenter world, so I had to tone down that presenter finesse and tap back into something more authentic. I didn’t want to play a stereotype. I wanted Vashin to feel real.



How To Ruin Diwali: Meet The Parents film stars Rosemary Zimu-Mnguni as Mmabatho, and Kyle Clark as Varshen. /Courtesy Of Netflix

Sowetan: *What was it like finding out you would play each other’s love interests?*

Clark: We did a chemistry read, and when Rosemary walked into the room, I immediately felt like, “Okay, this is going to be it.” We go way back, so her being there felt like home. When we found out we both got the roles, we were screaming. It felt like picking up a coffee date we had left a couple of years ago and coming back to it in the most amazing way.

Sowetan: *The film brings African and Indian cultures together. Was there pressure to get it right?*

Zimu-Mnguni: Definitely. There are so many things we don’t know about each

other’s cultures, and you never want to get it wrong. But our directors, Johnny [Barbuzano] and Vivek [Mehta], helped us through it. They encouraged us to stop being in our heads and be natural. If we didn’t know something... we’d ask.

Sowetan: *How does the cultural collision add to the chaos of Diwali?*

Clark: Diwali itself is madness. You have all the aunties, uncles and cousins coming

together; the food has to be perfect, and everyone wants their house to look better than the neighbour’s. There are fireworks and, of course, drama. Now add an interracial love story to that mix, and you have something else entirely.

Sowetan: *Did any actor from previous How to Ruin franchise give you advice?*

Zimu-Mnguni: Yes, I spoke to Sive Mabuya from *How to Ruin Love*. I wanted to understand how they made that transition because I was coming from more dramatic work. I also watched the previous *How to Ruin* films over and over and exchanged screenshots and scenes with Kyle because we wanted to do the franchise justice. I took inspiration from them, but I also wanted Mmabatho to have her own flavour and not feel like a copy.

Sowetan: *What do you hope audiences take from the film?*

Zimu-Mnguni: I want people to see how we understand each other as South Africans, regardless of culture or race. More than anything, we love. I also want people to see how colourful and fun we are. We can make fun of each other and love each other at the same time.

Clark: I want the world to see how much South Africa has to offer. The amount of talent in this country is incredible, and I hope people see the beauty of two cultures coming together.



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BID NOTICE AND INVITATION TO BID

Bidders are hereby invited to bid for the following projects:

No.	Project Number	Project Description	Closing Date
01	Lim473/speed cameras-lease/26/27/R001	Readvert: Lease for provision of speed red light cameras and fines management system within Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality roads for the period of thirty six(36) months.	20/11/2026 @ 12:00
02	Lim473/travel Agency/26/27/021	Traveling and accommodation agencies are invited to bid for travel and accommodation services for the period of thirty-six(36) months for Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality.	20/11/2026 @ 12:00

Bid documents will be obtainable from Makhuduthamaga Local Municipal Offices from **20 October 2026 (Mon-Fri from 08:00-16:30)** from the cashiers at a non-refundable deposit of R560.00 payable in cash or bank-guaranteed cheque. Bid documents can also be downloaded from www.etender.gov.za at no cost.

Completed and signed tender documents must be sealed in an envelope and marked with the relevant project number and project description and be deposited in the tender box at Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality Offices in Jane Furse before the closing date and time.

The municipality shall adjudicate and award tenders in accordance with the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act. 5/2000 and the revised procurement regulation with effect 16 January 2023 and on 100 points for functionality and 80/20 points system where 80 points are for the price and 20 points for Municipal specific goals (according to the said legislation). Details of functionality and specific goals are in the bid document. Bids will remain valid for 90 (ninety) days.

The lowest tender will not necessarily be accepted and the municipality reserves the right not to consider any tender not fully completed. Tenderers are required to initial each page of the tender document and sign where necessary.

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DEPARTMENT: COMMUNITY SERVICES (RE-ADVERT – THOSE WHO APPLIED BEFORE SHOULD REAPPLY)

POSITION: EXECUTIVE MANAGER COMMUNITY SERVICES

DURATION: PERMANENT BASIS (In accordance with the Municipal Systems Act as amended)

REMUNERATION PACKAGE:

Grade	Minimum	Lower	Midpoint	Upper	Maximum
5	R1 631 130.00	R1 670 277.00	R1 710 363.00	R1 751 412.00	R1 793 446.00

(All-inclusive package in line with the Upper Limits of Total Remuneration Packages of Municipal Managers and Managers directly accountable to Municipal Managers, Government Gazette No: 55150 dated 05 August 2026)

REQUIREMENTS: Bachelor Degree in Social Sciences / Public Administration / Law or equivalent; Five (5) years' experience at middle management level and must have proven successful institutional transformation within public or private sector. A post-graduate degree in a related field or registration with the South African Council for Social Service Professions (SACSSP) or similar recognized relevant body will be an **added advantage**.

LEADING MANAGERIAL COMPETENCIES: Strategic direction and leadership; People management, Program and project management, financial management; change and governance leadership, planning and organizing, analysis and innovation, knowledge and information management; communication as well as result and quality focus.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES: Good knowledge and understanding of relevant policies and legislations; Good knowledge and understanding of institutional governance systems and performance management; Understanding of council operations and delegations of powers as well as **Health Service management, Cemetery management, Public safety and Parks and recreation management**. Good knowledge of supply chain management regulations and the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (Act No. 5 of 2000).

RESPONSIBILITIES: Reporting to the Municipal Manager the incumbent will be responsible to lead, direct and manage staff within the Community Services department so that they are able to meet their departmental and organizational objectives. The incumbent will be responsible for the following: Disaster Management Services, Fire and Rescue Services, Municipal Health Services amongst other responsibilities; Efficiently manage and control the budget for the Department; Prepare and submit required reports to the Municipal Manager and relevant political structures; Develop and implement the Department's Service Delivery and Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP); Perform any other related functions as requested by the Municipal Manager.

This advertisement is in line with the **Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, Act No. 32 of 2000 as amended, Local Government: Regulations on Appointment and Conditions of Employment of Senior Managers (Government Gazette 37245 dated 14 January 2014), Municipal Regulations on Minimum Competency Levels (Government Gazette 29967 dated 15 June 2007) and Upper Limits of Total Remuneration Package Payable to Municipal Managers and Managers Directly Accountable to Municipal Managers (Government Gazette No 55150 dated 05 August 2026)**

To apply, interested candidates must submit a fully completed application form available from our website: www.cdm.org.za, attach a signed application letter, a comprehensive Curriculum Vitae (CV), certified copies of qualifications and Identity Document to the Municipal Manager, Capricorn District Municipality, PO Box 4100, Polokwane, 0700 or hand – deliver applications at 41 Biccard Street, Polokwane at Registry desk. Applications that are not on the applicable application form, faxed or e-mail applications will not be considered. Enquiries should be directed to Ms. Bokang Mahlobogwane on (015) 2941007.

Capricorn District Municipality is committed to the achievement and maintenance of diversity and employment equity, especially in terms of race, gender and disability. Applicants from designated groupings are encouraged to apply. CDM reserves the right not to make appointments. If you do not hear from us within 60 days after the closing date, kindly accept that your application was unsuccessful.

Shortlisted candidates **will undergo the screening process** in terms of Regulation 14 and recommended candidates will undergo a **competency assessment** in terms of Regulation 16 of Regulations on Appointment and Conditions of Employment of Senior Managers, 2014.

Successful candidates will be required to **sign an employment contract, a performance agreement as well as to disclose their financial interest** within the prescribed timeframes.

The relevant MFMA Unit Standards is preferred, however a grace period of eighteen (18) months will be provided to obtain the unit standards as per publication in the Government Gazette No.9140593, Government Notice 91 of 03 February 2017 by the Minister of Finance.

CLOSING DATE: Friday, 30 October 2026 at 16h30

MR. RAMAKUNTWANE SELEPE
MUNICIPAL MANAGER