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In a gesture of goodwill, KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture Dr Ntuthuko Mahlaba this morning personally gifted the oldest Comrades Marathon participant and finisher, Maros Mosehla, who broke a 34-year-old record. The heart-warming gesture to the diminutive Limpopo octogenarian by MEC Mahlaba occurred during the 2023 Comrades Marathon Champions Breakfast Prize-giving Ceremony held at Elangeni Hotel in Durban.

“For his efforts, I’d also like to give Mr Mosehla R20 000 from my own pocket. He proved that he was an exceptional human being,” he said.

The record for the oldest finisher was held for 34 years by the legendary Wally Hayward who, in 1989, finished 1min 57sec before the cut-off time at the age of 80 becoming the oldest finisher in the history of the Comrades Marathon. However, Mosehla was slowly drawing closer and in his 10th Comrades Marathon race on Sunday, June 11, he smashed Hayward’s record in spectacular fashion crossing the finishing line in 9 hours 26 minutes and 10 seconds (9:26:10) at 2h56pm. He became the oldest competitor to complete the iconic ultra-marathon.



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The soft-spoken Mosehla runs for the Polokwane Athletic Club. A man of a few words, he thanked the MEC for the gift saying it will encourage him when he embarks on the up-run next year.

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