



SA high jumper Luvo Manyonga at OR Tambo Airport yesterday.

Photo by Themba Makofane

Manyonga on the straight & narrow

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SOMETIMES, Luvo Manyonga can be a challenge. One has to constantly keep an eye on him, or else he can easily go off the rails.

That's the statement made by Tuks director of sport, Danie Cornelius.

Director of the High Performance Centre Toby Sutcliffe, Danie and his son Neil Cornelius, who is Manyonga's coach, helped the athlete get his career back on track.

The South African Sports Confederations and Olympic Committee president, Gideon Sam, played a key role in bringing the then faded long jumper to the High Performance Centre at the University of Pretoria in 2015.

Manyonga (26) was still recovering from his drug ban and Tuks was the ideal destination for him to get back on his feet.

Tuks are planning to help him get a matric certificate and offer him a full bursary to study sports science.

Said Cornelius: "It was a challenge for all of us to keep him on the right path. We want to make sure he stays there."

