



MARCH AGAINST VIOLENCE!

Rustenburg – On Saturday, 17 June 2017, Rustenburg community members took to the streets of Rustenburg in one voice to march against violence against women and children. They met at Bobbies Rugby Club, walked to the Rustenburg Taxi Rank, and back.

Participants included employees of the Rustenburg Local Municipality, the North West Department of Community Safety and Transport Management, the Department of Public Safety and Transport, the Rustenburg Community Policing Forum (CPF), the

Fire Brigade, the Rustenburg Crime Combating Forum (RCCF), the Unashamed Motorcycle Ministry, the Kosmos Angels as well as various pastors and ministers from different churches and denominations.

"I thank everyone who came out this morning to support this cause," Cllr. Mpho Khunou, executive mayor of the Rustenburg Municipality said in his address at the taxi rank. "We are here to show that we do not condone violence against women and children, and that we will fight it together as one community."

Says Johan de Klerk, chairman of the Rustenburg CPF executive committee: "We need to fight violence against women and children in our communities. Get involved and take responsibility.

Only when the community faces issues together will we be able to succeed. The march was a huge success despite the fact that it was held over a long weekend.

Many residents complain about drug abuse, crime, rape, prostitution and many more issues we face – but to complain and not support community driven causes, does not

make sense. I do, however, thank everyone present at the march."

Corrie du Plooy, a member of the RCCF, was one of many residents who joined the march. Du Plooy is blind and still joined the cause.

In an interview with the *Platinum Weekly* newspaper he said, "Today's march is very important. As a community we need to stand up against drug abuse, prostitution and other issues. If we don't do it... who will?"



Cllr. Mpho Khunou, executive mayor of the Rustenburg Local Municipality.



Johan de Klerk, chairman of the Rustenburg CPF executive committee.

Warning: Women spiking men's drinks

Rustenburg/ Phokeng – The Phokeng Police released a statement on Tuesday, 20 June, warning men of a group of women who target and rob men of their belongings.

The target is especially men who frequent restaurants, pubs, cafés and night clubs, particularly in the evenings or late at night.

These women allegedly spike their victims' drinks and accompany the men to their homes, where they are robbed of various belongings.

It is alleged that these women will pur-

posely sit alone, to attract the attention of a man. Later, when it is closing time, the ladies will accompany the victim to his residence.

The victim will wake up the next day to an empty house; in some cases his vehicle is also stolen.

"We would like to urge men to be cautious and not invite strangers into their homes. A number of cases are currently investigated by Phokeng Police," Sergeant Gabaiphiwe Kgatlha, police spokesperson, said.

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