

TLHABANE PROTEST



Community members and Police officers faced off in front of the new Tlhabane Mall development on Wednesday 2 August 2017.

Rustenburg/ Tlhabane – The roads next to Public Investment Corporation's development of the new Tlhabane Mall was closed off as disgruntled community members voiced their concerns on Wednesday 2 August. Boulders, rocks and even corrugated iron sheets were used to create makeshift barricades on the corner of Moumo and Motsatsi streets, as community members protested what they deemed to be a lack of transparency. Reportedly the new mall complex has been marked as a massive suburban redevelopment that will potentially see

millions of rands invested into local community and create jobs as well as prosperity. "We want transparency in what they're doing, and how the tenders are awarded," said one community members. According to a community spokesperson, Geoff Moeletsi, "The developer PIC gave community members assurances that at least 30% of the contracts would be allocated to local communities and provide essential work to the local, instead, contractors from Gauteng had been brought in to do the work."

New operating plant at Maseve



Maseve is located about 35km north of Rustenburg.

Rustenburg – Platinum Group Metals has successfully changed the operating plan at Maseve in Rustenburg and lowered its cost structure to align with a reduced production ramp up profile. Production guidance will be provided as operations commence under the new operating plan in the months ahead. Contractor terminations and consultations with labour unions have been completed in accordance with the South African Labour Act. All major contracts and union agreements have been settled and agreed promptly, in-line with the Company's budgeted plan. This has allowed for detailed manpower planning for the new mine plan

going forward. Details of the new mine plan are in final preparation in consultation with the continuing mining contractor, Redpath South Africa. Changes to the management and supervision of the mine have also been made with a focus on near term performance. Under the new mine plan, a hybrid method will be utilized, consisting of mechanized primary access development and conventional stoping. The focus will be to achieve positive cash flow with tight cost control, as soon as possible. *Extracts of Platinum Group Metals press release, 31 July 2017*

Life lost on R509

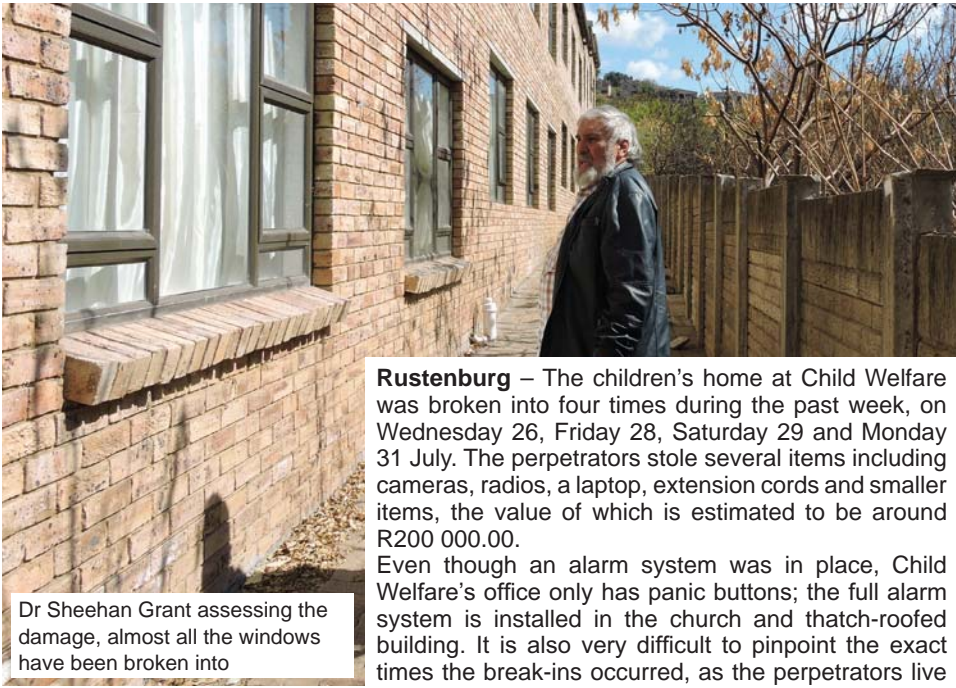


A 45-year old woman was killed and three others injured on the R509.

Rustenburg – A 45-year old woman was killed and three others injured on Monday morning, 31 July, when the vehicle they were travelling in rolled off the R509 in the Derby area outside of Rustenburg, ER24 paramedics reported. ER24 paramedics, along with other services, arrived on the scene shortly before 08h00 to find the light motor vehicle lying on its side, partially off the road. One woman was found trapped inside the vehicle. She sustained numerous injuries and showed no signs of life. Unfortunately, the woman had already succumbed to her injuries, and she was officially declared dead on scene. Three other patients were immediately assessed

by paramedics. A 17-year old boy was found to have sustained numerous injuries and was in a critical condition while a 14-year old girl was found to have sustained moderate injuries. A man was also found to have sustained moderate injuries. Paramedics treated the patients and provided the critically injured boy with advanced life support interventions. Once treated the boy was airlifted by an ER24 helicopter to a nearby hospital while the other two patients were transported via ambulance. The cause of this incident is not yet known but local authorities are investigating.

Children's Home suffers 4 break-ins in 1 week



Dr Sheehan Grant assessing the damage, almost all the windows have been broken into

Rustenburg – The children's home at Child Welfare was broken into four times during the past week, on Wednesday 26, Friday 28, Saturday 29 and Monday 31 July. The perpetrators stole several items including cameras, radios, a laptop, extension cords and smaller items, the value of which is estimated to be around R200 000.00. Even though an alarm system was in place, Child Welfare's office only has panic buttons; the full alarm system is installed in the church and thatch-roofed building. It is also very difficult to pinpoint the exact times the break-ins occurred, as the perpetrators live in the veld behind the children's home and on some nights returned up to three times to the scene of the crime. The good news is however that on Monday, 31 July, one of the suspects was caught. People from the children's home, Wesalams and the commandos waited for the suspects in the veld and managed to catch one. He allegedly spilled the beans on their entire operation, including that they sell the stolen goods for drugs and who their drug dealer is. The police showed up three and a half hours after the suspect was caught and are currently investigating the matter. The suspects came into contact with one of the social workers. "I heard a bang outside like someone had jumped over the wall. So I opened the window and saw a man standing with his hands inside the window like he was trying to get the curtain away to see what was in the office next to my office. I asked him; "Sorry who are you? What are you doing?" he looked at me and went on with what he was doing. He was wearing green overall pants with a yellow strip, black T-shirt and a red beanie. He had dreadlocks," Cecil Janse van Rensburg, Social Worker, said. The children's home now has to not only replace all the stolen goods, but install additional beams around the premises. This will cost upwards of R50 000. Anyone who is interested in helping or donating can contact Cecile Janse van Rensburg on 014-537 2014 or 2072 or email cecile.brink@gmail.com. Alternately, contact Dr Sheehan Grant, chairperson of Child Welfare Rustenburg on 082-652 1890 or shalom@mweb.co.za.

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