

Petition to make Home Affairs Safe

Rustenburg – A number of residents have recently reported being mugged or that they experienced a smash and grab while on their way to the Home Affairs office in Rustenburg. “I offered to start an online petition to make it easier to sign. As a counsellor, I have been elected to represent the community that elected me. I feel that it is very important to address issues that affect the residents, even as in this case it is not a municipal issue,” said Cheryl Phillips, Democratic Alliance councillor.

Support from residents was great in the 1st 48hrs but has slowed down considerably. Below is the wording on the petition. “Residents who need to obtain Identity Documents (IDs), Passports, Birth Certificates and Death Certificates are regularly targeted by criminals in the vicinity of the Rustenburg branch of the Department of Home Affairs. Obtaining these documents is a necessity and must be done in person. By forcing citizens to go into an area where government is unable to prevent crime, the

National Department of Home Affairs is in breach of Section 12(1)(c) of the South African Constitution, which says: Everyone has the right to be free from all forms of violence from either public or private sources”, added Phillips. If you would like to sign the petitions, please follow this link: [https://secure.avaaz.org/en/petition/Minister_of_Home_Affairs_Move_the_Rustenburg_Department_of_Home_Affairs_to_a_safer_area/?email&utm](https://secure.avaaz.org/en/petition/Minister_of_Home_Affairs_Move_the_Rustenburg_Department_of_Home_Affairs_to_a_safer_area/?email&utm_source=sharetools&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=petition-440490-Minister_of_Home_Affairs_Move_the_Rustenburg_Department_of_Home_Affairs_to_a_safer_area&utm_term=noHash%2Ben)

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Hospice opens new store at Wildevy Centre

Rustenburg – The Rustenburg Hospice management team is thrilled to announce the opening of their new shop. The official opening on Monday, 4 September saw the team proudly welcoming customers at the Wildevy Centre in Rustenburg. The Hospice shop in the CBD is still open and running as smoothly as it always has. The new shop is an expansion, which sells the same goods on a smaller, more user-friendly scale.



From left: Cindy Pretorius, volunteer; Reinette van Aswegen, stock coordinator; and Grace Tsitsi, shop assistant.

The shop has a warm atmosphere and feels like any other clothing outlet. Currently this shop has one permanent worker and one volunteer who will be there for the rest of the month. Hospice is still looking for a manager for this store.

In an interview with the *Platinum Weekly* newspaper, Elize Pretorius, who has been with Hospice for 12 years, says: “We cordially invite every member of the community to have a look and see what they would like to buy or maybe donate. Hospice currently has around 510 patients, each of whom costs at least R300 per month to look after. Please come and see what we are doing.”

Hospice is currently in desperate need of volunteers, bookshelves for their books, display cabinets for loose goodies, mannequins and general store necessities.

“We did plenty of research and found that there was a huge untapped market for a Hospice shop in this area (suburb) and we really need the extra income. The more shops we have, the better- as it helps create funds and awareness of what we do. We want people to be more involved and aware, as we also have patients in town and now people can see we don't just serve patients outside of town. It also creates an opportunity for volunteers to gain some work experience. We are here to deliver a service to the community,” Pretorius said.

If you would like to get involved in any way, contact Hospice on 014-592 8925 or email hospiceshop2@gmail.com.

Chemical burns fatality at Anglo

Rustenburg – Anglo American Platinum regrets to report a loss-of-life of an employee in a chemical burns related incident which occurred on 21 August 2017 at the company's Precious Metals Refinery (PMR) in Rustenburg. The employee succumbed to his injuries on 5 September 2017.

Anglo American Platinum finance director, Ian Botha, said: “Our sincerest condolences are with the family, friends and colleagues of the deceased. We are providing support and assistance to all involved during this difficult time. An independent and comprehensive process is underway to understand the circumstances. We continue to focus our energies on working towards zero harm for all our employees.”

Anglo American Platinum press release, 7 September 2017

RUSTENBURG'S EPOL FARM SHOP

We regret to inform you that the Epol Rustenburg Farm Shop will be closing on 16 September 2017.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused as result of this closure. However, you can still source all your Epol feeds from Obaro Rustenburg or contact your sales person.

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