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AfriForum se Koster-tak reorganiseer

Koster – Die AfriForum-tak in Koster het op Woensdag, 25 April, 'n reorganisasievergadering gehou en die volgende lede tot sy bestuur verkies: Andreas Peens, voorsitter; Lampies Meintjies, ondervoorsitter; Rika van Staden, sekretaris; Morné Erasmus, tesourier; Johan de Bruyn, plaaslike regeringsake; Willie van der Westhuizen, gemeenskapsveiligheid; en Arrie van Staden, jeug.

Peens sê dat hy en die bestuur daarna uitsien om 'n verskil in die gemeenskap te maak. “Dié tak se fokus is op veiligheid, die aanpak van swak munisipale dienslewering en gemeenskapsgedrewe inisiatiewe.” Raak vandag nog by AfriForum se Koster-tak betrokke: SMS “Koster” na 45351 (R1). AfriForum mediaverklaring, 2 Mei 2018



Agter van links: Morné Erasmus, Andreas Peens, Lampie Meintjies, en Arrie van Staden. Voor van links: Charne Blignaut en Rika van Staden. Afwesig: Johan van Staden en Johan du Bruyn.

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Vulture electrocutions spikes

Hartebeespoort – VulPro, the NGO that safeguards Africa's vulture population, announced an alarming spike in the number of vultures killed or permanently maimed by South Africa's electrical grid. A sum total of 23 vultures were killed or permanently injured during April this year. An average of three vulture fatalities a month was recorded for the entire 2017, totalling 40 birds of mainly the endemic Cape Vulture could be driving our endemic Cape Vulture (*gyps coprotheres*) towards extinction. Cape Vultures are classified as globally endangered, with fewer than 4200 breeding pairs left, putting them on par with the endangered black rhino with a population of around 5 000 animals. They are slow in breeding, reaching maturity between five and seven years of age, laying one egg a year. As the only endemic vulture species to southern Africa, they have already become extinct as a breeding species in Namibia, Zimbabwe and Swaziland. Vultures travel vast distances in search of food, water sources and breeding sites. They fill a unique and irreplaceable role in the ecosystem by preventing animal remains from decomposing in the open air; thereby decreasing the spread of deadly diseases such as rabies and even anthrax. They often use power line structures to roost on as these offer a safe, elevated, vantage point from where they can easily lift-off and climb thermals. More often than not, power line related injuries maim birds for life, with no chance of being re-released back into the wild.

Collisions usually result in broken wings and legs which may need amputation and/or pinning, whilst electrocutions nearly always result in fatality. Kerri Wolter, founder and manager of VulPro, said: “The tragedy of this latest unacceptably high tally is that - it is possible to proof power lines to prevent these mortalities from happening. The unsafe electricity grid should be seen as a priority for the survival, in particular, of the endemic Cape Vulture. We have a responsibility internationally to safeguard this iconic species.”



April marked a 7-fold increase in the amount of vulture deaths and maiming caused by South Africa's power grid.

ANOTHER FARM ATTACK

Zeerust/ Rustenburg – Two men overpowered and assaulted a farmer at his house at Nooitgedacht near Zeerust before fleeing in his Colt bakkie, registration plates: JLG 566 NW, on Tuesday morning, 1 May. The farmer, Danie Booysen, was injured by the attackers who took his cellphone and then drove away in his bakkie in the direction of Rustenburg. The police with

the assistance of the company that fitted a tracking device in the bakkie managed to trace the vehicle to Boitekong near Rustenburg. Police spokesperson, sergeant Kelebogile Moleko, could not confirm the exact number of attackers. She indicated that the suspects are still at large and that the police are investigating.

Weather Report North West Rustenburg				
Friday	04	May	2018	26°C - 09°C
Saturday	05	May	2018	25°C - 09°C
Sunday	06	May	2018	26°C - 10°C
Monday	07	May	2018	26°C - 11°C
Tuesday	08	May	2018	26°C - 11°C

FINANCIAL INDICATORS				
Crude Oil	[OIL]	R	926,33	
Gold Ounces	[XAU]	R	16,509.70	
Platinum Ounces	[XPT]	R	11 326,30	
Palladium Ounces	[XPD]	R	12 065,12	
United States Dollar	[USD]	R	12,61	
British Pound	[GBP]	R	17,21	
Euro	[EUR]	R	15,15	
Chinese Yen	[CNY]	R	1,98	
Namibian Dollar	[NAD]	R	1,02	
Lesotho Loti	[LSL]	R	1,01	

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