

SOUTH AFRICAN BIRD ATLAS PROJECT

BirdLife Rustenburg

Rustenburg – The South African Bird Atlas Project (SABAP2) is a citizen science project that is driven by the contributions of several hundred volunteers who are mapping the distribution of birds across several southern African countries.

To gather data, volunteers select a geographical 'pentad' on a map and record all the bird species seen within that area in a set time frame. This information is then uploaded to the SABAP2 database and is used for research and analysis

Ernst Retief of BirdLife South Africa will be talking about SABAP at the **monthly meeting** of BirdLife Rustenburg, on **Monday, 20 May**, at the Methodist Church on the corner of Brink and Schuurman Streets. He will highlight the importance of atlassing and how to go about it. He will also give feedback on Bird Life South Africa's Secretary Bird Project – 2019 Bird of the Year.

The meeting starts at 19:00 and members and non-members are welcome. Non-members pay R20.00 per person. Tea, coffee and snacks will be served after the meeting. The **monthly outing is to Vlaklaagte** just outside of Rustenburg. The outing is to the private farm of Antoon Lit near Boshhoek and is situated on the Elands River. Specials in the area include water birds such as African Finfoot, Black Duck, Half-collared Kingfisher, Green-backed heron, African Fish Eagle and other Bushveld birds.

Please bring your own snacks and drinks, a hat, sunblock and of course your binoculars. All members and non-members are welcome, and non-members pay R20.00. Members will meet at BP Garage, Waterfall Mall at 06:00 and should be home by 15:00.

Feel free to contact chairperson, Shaun McGillewie, on 083 702 1462 should you wish to learn more about Birdlife Rustenburg. If you need help with identification of a bird - a picture will help – please contact Shaun.



Secretary Bird, photo by Helen Badenhorst

GRENVILLE'S RISING ARTIST

Rustenburg – Karabo Lebatlang, a learner at Grenville High School, entered the oil recycling competition run by The Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA) on behalf of the Recycling Oil Saves the Environment (ROSE) foundation.

Out of the 60 plus entries, Karabo was chosen as one of the personal favourite artworks by the chief executive officer of ROSE foundation Bubele Nyiba. Congrats!



Visual art educator at Grenville High School, Charlotte Pretorius, with Karabo Lebatlang.

Grenville investing in the youth



From left: Tumisang Morebantwa, Gift Mokono, Ben Kgopane and Koketso Mamogopodi.

Rustenburg – Congratulations to Tumisang Morebantwa, Gift Mokono, Ben Kgopane and Koketso Mamogopodi who was announced as the April winners, for their participation on the 2019 JSE Investment Challenge, speculator division. They won a prize of R3,000 and hold the number one position overall.

WALKING TOWARDS A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE



Some of the fun-walk participants

Rustenburg/ Phokeng – Scores of people took part in a 21km fun-walk from the Bafokeng Stadium to the Royal Marang Hotel on Wednesday 1 May. Participants from areas in and around Phokeng enjoyed the walk and the first six to cross the finish-line were presented with gifts and medals. Well done to all who took the opportunity by participating in the event!

LOCAL CYCLISTS AT NISSAN TRAILSEEKER

Rustenburg – Saturday 11 May was a day of gruelling but healthy exercise for members of the Rustenburg Cycling Club (RCC), who took part in the first Nissan Trailseeker at MX Legends in Gauteng. The Nissan Trailseeker Series is one of the most well-known mountain bike racing series in South Africa. It consists of four distances, namely 70km, 40km, 20km and 10km races.



Caitlin Thompson and Darryl Thompson.



From left: Johnny Lang and John-William Lang.



Participants gave it their all during the challenge.

BAADJIES VIR MAATJIES

Rustenburg – Magalieskruin Voortrekkers het vir 2019 'n projek geloods *baadjies vir maatjies* waarmee baadjies ingesamel en versprei word na kinders wat dit hierdie winter sal benodig. Die eerste baadjies is op Vrydag 10 Mei uitgedeel by Laerskool David Brink se voedingskema.

Die Magalieskruin Voortrekkers kom op Maandae middag om 16:00 by Laerskool Proteapark se Parkieland bymekaar. Vir enige navrae oor die Voortrekkers, skakel Carien van Niekerk op 073 192 8850.



Van links: Hanré Pretorius, juffrou Renet van der Westhuizen en Nerine Pretorius.



Hanré Pretorius en Nerine Pretorius het die kentekens wat hul deur die jare verwerf het wat op hul baadjies verskyn aan die leerders gewys.



From left: Anthony Kukard and Sheldon Kukard.



The challenge was very competitive!



From left: Jaco Nel, Zelda du Pisani, Christo van Staden, Anton Vermeulen and Henk Dippenaar.