

RABIES IN NORTH WEST



North West – The North West Department of Agriculture and Rural Development is calling on all pet owners across the province to take precaution and take their pets to the nearest state veterinary clinic for a free rabies vaccination.

This call is being made to prevent new cases of rabies in the province. The month of September has been declared internationally as World Rabies awareness month.

Statistics from the World Rabies organisation shows that despite knowledge and technology, rabies continues to kill more than 55,000 people around the world every year.

Rabies is a disease caused by a virus that affects the nervous system and is caused by exposure to the saliva of infected animals through open wounds and mucus membranes. The exposure may include bites, small nicks that break the skin

or even licks of the eyes, nose and mouth. It is important for communities to note that all domestic animals and human beings are susceptible to rabies.

Since the beginning of this year, the North West province has reported at least 18 cases of rabies. Eight of these cases occurred in the Bojanala Platinum District Municipalities.

BOJANALA DISTRICT

- Madibeng state vet office: 012 709 1108
- Moretele state vet office: 012 714 3914
- Moses Kotane state vet office: 014 555 6023
- Rustenburg state vet office: 014 592 9281 or 2
- Kgetleng state vet office: 014 544 0607

WANT TO COOL OFF THIS SUMMER?

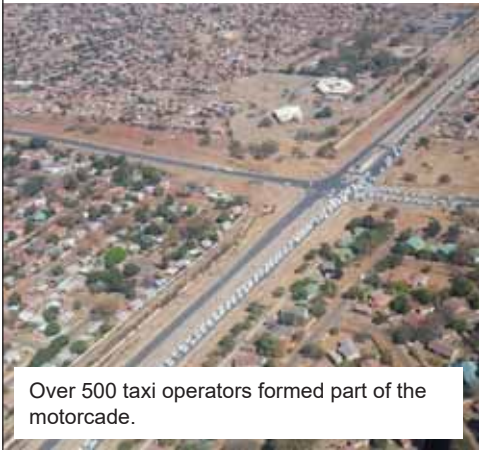
Rustenburg – If your answer is yes, then you will be happy to know that the five swimming pools managed by the Rustenburg Local Municipality (RLM) are now open.

With summer now in full swing, many have decided to 'escape' the summer heat by plunging into the 'Marais street' municipal public swimming pool or any of the other four facilities in Zinniaville, Karlien Park, Middel street and Monakato.

RLM section manager for sport and recreation in the community development unit, Chardi Bassadien, said all five facilities opened their doors to the public from Tuesday 10 September.

"We cannot always predict the number of people that will come, but we are expecting quite a number, especially with the school holidays. Chardi said lifeguards will be on standby at all the pools during operating hours.

PEACEFUL MARCH FOR A CHANGE!



Over 500 taxi operators formed part of the motorcade.



Grievances were raised in a peaceful manner.

Rustenburg – Given the recent xenophobic events in the country, the Rustenburg community was apprehensive about the march planned by the Bojanala Regional Taxi Council on Thursday 12 September.

The taxi industry march, which ended in a handing over of a memorandum to the Rustenburg Local Municipality (RLM) acting executive mayor councillor Lucky Kgaladi, was executed peacefully.

Over 500 taxis formed the motorcade which started between Tlhabane Fox Lake and Rustenburg North and ended at the Missionary Mpheni House.

The Bojanala Regional Taxi Council cited the following requests and issues:

- Lack of an overflow area for taxis queuing to ferry passengers in and out of Rustenburg.
- Congestion of traffic during peak hours on the roads surrounding the rank.
- RLM should fix the lights and the paving at the taxi rank.
- RLM should remove the hawkers within the taxi rank.
- RLM levy to be scratched.

"We intend to work side-by-side with the

taxi industry and all relevant stakeholders to resolve all of the issues raised, as this is in the interest of the commuters and by extension the city's improved public transport system, which interfaces with the Rustenburg Rapid Transport," said RLM spokesperson David Makgae. RLM applauded the taxi industry leaders the law enforcement agencies. Thank you to all stakeholders and community members who assisted:

- South Africa Community Crime Watch (SACCW) Rustenburg - Brian Buks
- SACCW Rustenburg - Ammaar Wadee
- SACCW Rustenburg - Yasir Wadee
- Rustenburg Community Policing Forum (CPF) - Tienie Bosman
- SACCW Rustenburg - Tommie Slater
- SACCW Rustenburg - AK Hafajee
- Democratic Alliance (DA) Ward councillor for ward 18 - Martha Lerm
- Rustenburg Crime Combating Forum (RCCF) - Kobus Ferreira
- SACCW Rustenburg - Zaahir Karani
- RPS Security - Sonja
- METASEC Security - Morné Meyer
- METASEC Security - Morné Engelbrecht



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