



HANDS OF CARE... Danike Marais administering a vaccination to a model-horse.



FUTURE VET IN ACTION... Danike with one of the cows on her father's farm, where her dream of becoming a veterinarian first began.

# HOPE BEYOND DARKNESS

## Rustenburg Vet Student's Fight for Her Vision

**Rustenburg** – At just 22 years old, Danike Marais should be looking forward to graduation and a lifetime of caring for animals. A fifth-year veterinary student, she grew up on her father's cattle farm outside Swartruggens, where her love for animals was planted early. Now, that dream faces its toughest challenge yet — a rare eye disease that threatens her vision, her studies, and her future.

**A Sudden Change** | In 2023, Danike noticed something was wrong with her eyesight. What began as a small concern quickly grew into endless questions. After several consultations and specialist tests in July 2024, her worst fears were confirmed: a rare form of retinal dystrophy, a degenerative condition that steadily steals away sight.

"It was like the ground disappeared beneath me," she says quietly. "Your whole future flashes before you — and suddenly, it's uncertain."

**Dreams on the Line** | For Danike, veterinary science is more than a degree. It's the life she's built since childhood, from days spent bottle-feeding calves to long nights preparing for exams. Now, her ability to continue depends on advanced treatment — which doctors believe may only be available in Germany.

"I've wanted to be a vet for as long as I can remember. Giving up is not an option," she says.

**Faith in the Darkness** | Despite the diagnosis, Danike insists this is not the end of her story. "This feels like a test of faith," she explains. "I believe God's hand is in this, and even though I don't know how it will turn out, I know I'm not walking this road alone."

**Community Support** | Her family and friends have launched a fundraising campaign through BackaBuddy — the "Danike Marais Retinal Dystrophy Fund" — to help cover the immense costs of overseas treatment, travel, and ongoing care. Already, messages and donations have been pouring in, giving her strength to keep moving forward.

"Every bit of support reminds me I'm not alone," Danike says. "It's not just about money — it's hope."

How You Can Help

The community is urged to rally behind this brave young woman.

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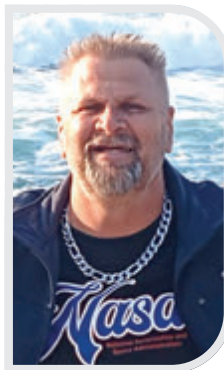


## In liefdevolle herinnering | In remembrance



Ons onthou met liefde wyle Markus Badenhorst (63), oorlede op 13 September 2025. Sy oorwinningsdiens vind op Vrydag 19 September 2025 plaas om 11:00 vanuit die Hervormde Kerk, Kloof Gemeente, Manukalaan, Rustenburg.

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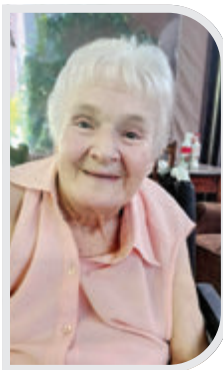
Ons onthou met liefde Rynier Bekker (54), oorlede op 11 September 2025. Sy verassing sal privaat geskied.

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Die roudiens van wyle Fritz Kossatz (64), oorlede op 10 September 2025, het op Dinsdag 16 September 2025 plaasgevind vanuit die Uncaged Church, Rustenburg.

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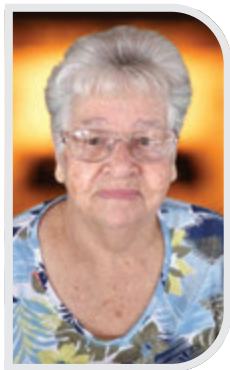
Ons onthou met liefde wyle Heilie Kroese (84), oorlede op 10 September 2025. Haar oorwinningsdiens vind op Saterdag 20 September 2025 plaas om 11:00 vanuit die NG Kerk, Moeder Gemeente, Fatima Bhayatstraat, Rustenburg. Dames wat die diens bywoon, word versoek om nie swart te dra nie – maar blommotief rokke.

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Op 14 September 2025 is Christopher Davis na sy Hemelhuis op die ouderdom van 66. Hy gaan baie gemis word deur sy familie en vriende. Sy plek is nou leeg, maar hy sal voortleef in almal se harte. Sy roudiens vind op Vrydag 19 September 2025 plaas vanuit Rustenburg Metodiste Kerk om 11:00.

'n Liefdesdiens gelewer deur Martin's Begrafnis en Verassingsdienste Rustenburg, 014 592 0037.



Op 2 September 2025 is ons geliefde Catharina Susanna Nel oorlede (gebore op 4 Mei 1944). Sy laat 'n groot leemte onder haar geliefdes en sal baie deur haar familie en vriende gemis word. Die diens het op Vrydag 12 September 2025 plaasgevind vanuit die Rustenburg Krematorium kapel.

Die Rustenburg Krematorium en Leading Light Begrafnisdienste bid die familie krag en sterkte toe – 'n diens met waardigheid en respek. Vir meer informasie, skakel 014 592 8441 of 073 903 4862.



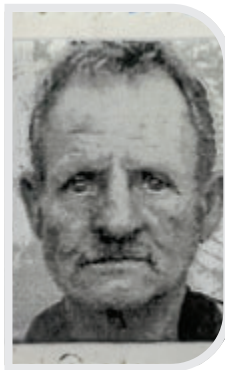
Our beloved Andrew Masike was born on 25 August 1952, and sadly passed away on 11 August 2025. He will be missed by his family and friends. The service took place on Thursday 14 August 2025, from Leading Light Funerals' chapel in Rustenburg.

The management and staff of Leading Light Funerals and Rustenburg Crematorium pray for the family in this time of sorrow – a service with dignity and respect. For more info, contact 014 592 8441 or 073 903 4862.



Op 27 Augustus 2025 is ons geliefde Petrus Jacobus Nieuwenhuizen oorlede (gebore op 8 Januarie 1959). Hy laat 'n groot leemte onder sy geliefdes en sal baie deur sy familie en vriende gemis word. Die diens het op Saterdag 30 Augustus 2025 plaasgevind vanuit die Rustenburg Krematorium kapel.

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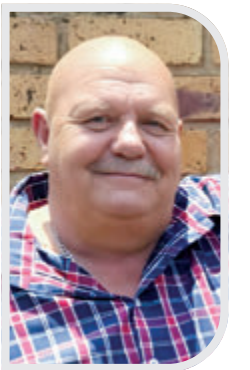
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**NW** – The Public Servants Association (PSA) has sounded the alarm on 10 September 2025, on what it calls a ‘state of collapse’ in North West Emergency Medical Services (EMS), warning that dangerously long ambulance response times are putting lives at risk.

**According to the PSA, the province requires 370 ambulances to meet national standards – yet only 72 are currently operational.** Severe staff shortages and poor vehicle maintenance mean many ambulances stand idle, its in urgent need wait hours for help.

**The problems are layered:**

- Too few ambulances: Only a fraction of the required fleet is on the road.
- Staff shortages: Not enough trained paramedics are available to deploy existing vehicles.
- Breakdowns: Many ambulances are parked due to mechanical faults and lack of maintenance.
- Misuse of resources: Vehicles are often tied up with non-emergency patient transport, leaving fewer to respond to true emergencies.

The PSA is demanding immediate intervention from the North West Premier and Health MEC, urging transparent reporting on ambulance availability and staffing.



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“Swartruggens Deserves a Hospital – Not Empty Promises”

**Swartruggens** – The Democratic Alliance (DA) in Kgetlengrivier is calling on the North West Department of Health to urgently upgrade the Swartruggens Health Care Centre to full hospital status, saying the community cannot wait any longer for dignified, accessible health care. According to DA councillor Mduduzi Maphanga, on 16 September 2025, the petition — submitted via MPL Hendriette van Huysteen — has already been tabled before the Kgetlengrivier Council,

with calls for all political parties to join hands in lobbying the provincial Health Portfolio Committee. The upgrade, Maphanga explained, would require only a few additional beds and staff, allowing the centre to fully utilise its existing facilities and deliver hospital-level services right in Swartruggens.

**A system under strain**  
The recent closure of Borolelo Clinic, along with those in Phela and Tlokwen, has left residents

with fewer options for primary health care. The Swartruggens Health Care Centre has since carried the load, but its limited status means patients are too often referred to Job Shimankana Tabane (JST) Provincial Hospital in Rustenburg — not because of staff incompetence, but because of legal restrictions. “This is unfair to patients,” Maphanga stressed. “People should not have to travel far for treatment that can and should be offered locally.”



Kagiso Josias Selomane – sentenced to 20 years for posing as a lawyer and defrauding clients of over R1 million.

Fake Rustenburg lawyer jailed for 20 years

**Rustenburg** – On Monday 15 September 2025, the Rustenburg Magistrates’ Court sentenced 45-year-old Kagiso Josias Selomane to 20 years’ direct imprisonment after he was found guilty on nine counts of fraud for posing as a lawyer. National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) communications officer Sivenathi Gunya said between 2011 and 2015, Selomane convinced unsuspecting victims in the North West and Johannesburg that he was a qualified legal practitioner who could represent them in divorce and labour disputes. He even posed as an executor of a major bank. His scheme involved demanding upfront payments for services that were never rendered. Investigations revealed how Selomane misled clients into sitting in empty courtrooms, claiming their matters had been postponed, while in fact no hearings had been scheduled. Over four years, he defrauded people of more than R1 million. He was arrested in October 2015 after some victims reported him to police. State advocate Rodger Mareume argued that Selomane’s guilty plea on four counts was insincere, as he showed no remorse and failed to repay victims. Magistrate Samuel Mabogo agreed, describing the crimes as calculated and deliberate. The court also noted Selomane’s previous fraud convictions from 2017. In line with Section 280 of Act 51 of 1977, the various sentences — ranging from three to twelve years — will run concurrently, leaving Selomane to serve an effective 20 years behind bars. He was further declared unfit to possess a firearm.



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Caroline Werner’s case stuck in yet another Trial-within-a-Trial



In loving memory of Caroline Werner – a vibrant, joyful soul whose absence leaves an ache in every heart that knew her. Forever missed, never forgotten.

**Rustenburg** – The long road to justice for 31-year-old Caroline Werner, murdered in September 2022, remains tangled in delays and heartbreak. On Friday, 12 September 2025, the case of Solly “Moya” Molefe (22) faced yet another postponement — this time in what has now become a *trial within a trial*. The court is first considering allegations that Molefe was assaulted by a police investigating officer, who allegedly pressured him to confess. Only once this matter is concluded will the main charge of Caroline’s murder proceed. The case has now been postponed to 26 September 2025 for the magistrate’s ruling on the assault claim. For Caroline’s mother, the repeated delays have been almost unbearable. Speaking with *Platinum Weekly*, she said: “I am exhausted by this endless process. My heart is shattered, and the pain and longing consume me.” Caroline’s life was stolen near the R24 and Dinie Estates Road, but nearly three years later, closure is still far away. The Werner family continues to plead for justice: “We want closure, we want peace. But most of all, we want justice.”


# Our Ward Matters: Cleaner Streets, Safer Communities

**Rustenburg** – From bush cutting to rubbish removal, *Our Ward Matters* (OWM) is proving that teamwork transforms our community. Led by André van Dyk and Cllr Tanya Rothman, and supported by their dedicated EPWP team, the initiative serves Ward 17 and Ward 16 (Geelhoutpark) with visible impact.

On 10 September 2025, the team cleaned Timbati Veld, cleared grass along the Krokodilrivier canal, and tackled illegal dumping in Helen Joseph. The next day, a skip from RLM Waste Department, arranged by Cllr Rothman, was filled with branches and rubble, with help from Cllr Martin Coetzee. OWM members also assisted in Ward 42, cleaning Line Road and nearby streets.

On 12 September, OWM attended a Fidelity ADT safety demo in Selly Park, showcasing the Fidelity SecureMe Plus EV06 Watch, which connects residents to patrols at the press of a button. As part of Cleanup and Recycle Week 2025 on 15 September, OWM also cleared litter in Azaleapark, Selly Park, and Greystone, even as flooding hit Drakensberg Avenue.



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## Ramaphosa in Rustenburg

### CALLS FOR UNITY, ACTION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

**Rustenburg** – President Cyril Ramaphosa visited Rustenburg on Friday, 12 September 2025, for a high-level meeting with the North West Provincial Executive Council. The engagement forms part of the National Executive’s provincial roadshow to strengthen cooperative governance and improve service delivery. The President warned against three challenges slowing progress: working in silos, “parachuted

President Cyril Ramaphosa addressing leaders and communities in Rustenburg.





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**Platina Drive No. 10, Thabazimbi, Limpopo, 1387, Size: 9,078 m<sup>2</sup> (Nine thousand and seventy-eight square metres)**

**Details:** • Current lease agreement in place for the property (can be upheld or cancelled). • Registered tower lease on a 10m x 10m section of the property, with annual escalation, registered against the title deed.

**Property Features:** • Main Office Building: Includes boardroom, open-plan area, private offices, small kitchen, and separate men's and ladies' toilets. • Security Office with steel lockers • Ablution Block: Showers, toilets, and additional office/storage space • 8 x Lockup Units: Each 6.3m deep x 3.55m wide x 3.05m high • 4 x IBR Sheds: Each 10.4m deep x 4.3m wide x 3.8m high • Large Lapa • Fenced off concrete slabs • Massive Industrial Concrete Slab connecting all buildings and the lapa • Extras: • Security system • JoJo tank with pressure pump

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development” without community consultation, and poor project funding. “These have led to delays, abandoned projects, and a trust deficit with communities. Today’s engagement is meant to close these gaps,” he said.

While commending infrastructure growth, Ramaphosa highlighted instability at local government level. Municipalities like Ditsobotla have repeatedly been placed under administration.

“No one should go more than a day without running water while municipal offices remain silent,” he stressed, adding that corruption and poor governance cannot be tolerated. Development priorities for the province include unlocking the Special Economic Zone in Moses Kotane, expanding airports in Mahikeng and Pilanesberg, reintroducing railway routes, and boosting agriculture, tourism, and manufacturing.

Rustenburg residents and leaders engaging in discussions during the provincial meeting.



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MISSING | RICHARD HAMMOND

## TWO years without answers: Richard still missing

**Mooinooi** – The South African Police Service (SAPS) in Mooinooi has issued an appeal to the community for assistance in tracing the whereabouts of 46-year-old Richard Hammond, who has been missing for more than two years. According to SAPS spokesperson colonel Adèle Myburgh, the police again released this information on 15 September 2025 as part of ongoing efforts to bring closure to Hammond’s family. Hammond, who resided at a smallholding in Barnardsvlei, Mooinooi, left home during July 2023 to seek employment in Rustenburg and never returned. Despite extensive investigations and search efforts, his whereabouts remain unknown. At the time of his disappearance, he was wearing a navy-blue denim and a white shirt. Hammond is described as being about 1.85 metres tall, with a slim build, blue eyes, brown frizzy hair, and a short white moustache and beard. Members of the public with any information can contact the Mooinooi Detectives unit, sergeant Brenda Metseleng on 065 515 7052 or sergeant Aaron Khunou on 076 565 8576. Alternatively, you can call your local police station or Crime Stop on 08600 10111. Anonymous tip-offs can also be submitted via the MySAPS App.



MISSING | TANKISO MASHESHA

## Where is Tankiso?

**Rustenburg** – The Rustenburg police are urgently appealing to the public for assistance in locating 55-year-old Tankiso Mashesha, who has been missing since July this year. Tankiso, who resides at Waterberry in Protea Park, Rustenburg, was last seen on Friday, 25 July 2025, around 17:00, when his daughter greeted him at the Rustenburg taxi rank. He was travelling to Lesotho to attend a funeral. According to police spokesperson colonel Adèle Myburgh, Tankiso later phoned his daughter at 22:10 the same evening. He confirmed that he was in a taxi and even shared both the vehicle’s registration number and the driver’s contact details. The taxi driver claims to have dropped Tankiso off at the Maseru border post. However, investigations have since revealed that he never crossed into Lesotho. Relatives in Lesotho confirmed that he never arrived home, despite extensive investigations and numerous leads being followed up. Sadly, all efforts to trace his movements after the border post have not yet brought answers. He is described as tall and slim, fair in complexion, bald, with black eyes, and a neatly kept short beard and moustache. Police are urging anyone with information that may assist in locating him to contact investigating officer sergeant Amukelani Mashimbye on 082 772 9226 or 014 590 4258 (office hours). Alternatively, call Crime Stop on 08600 10111, or share anonymous tip-offs via the MySAPS App.



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MISSING | Sibongile Precious Mahupela

## Sibongile Still Missing

**Rustenburg** – The Rustenburg police are appealing to the public to assist in locating 19-year-old Sibongile Precious Mahupela, who has been missing for nearly a year. Sibongile, a resident of Dinnie Estate in Rustenburg, was last seen by her mother and sister on the morning of Tuesday, 17 October 2024, around 11:00. According to colonel Adèle Myburgh, new information suggests she was spotted in Heystek Street, Rustenburg CBD, during May 2025. She is described as having a brown complexion, black eyes, a tall and slim build, and short black hair. She also has a tattoo of the name “Thabang” on her right arm. The police urge anyone with information on her whereabouts to come forward. Sergeant Amukelani Mashimbye can be contacted on 082 772 9226 or 014 590 4258. Alternatively, residents can reach out to their nearest police station, call Crime Stop on 08600 10111, or use the MySAPS App. Tip-offs may remain anonymous.



MISSING | EBEN VAN DER VYVER

## Have you seen Eben?

**Rustenburg** – The South African Police Service (SAPS) in Rustenburg has renewed its call, on 15 September 2025, for community assistance in locating missing 38-year-old Eben van der Vyver. Eben, who lived on a smallholding in Rhenosterfontein along Rex Road, was last seen by his mother when she dropped him off at a church along the R104 on Wednesday, 13 December 2023. A month later, on 18 January 2024, his backpack was discovered at a friend’s farm in the Rustenburg area, but no further trace of him has been found. Colonel Adèle Myburgh confirmed that extensive investigations and search operations have been conducted since his disappearance, but without success. At the time he went missing, Eben was tanned in complexion, has hazel eyes and brown-blond curly short hair. He was also wearing a self-made necklace of stone and beads, and on his left arm a self-made black stone armband with silver, black and white colours. Eben can further be identified by a Star of David tattoo on his left thigh, a scar on his left front finger, a dimple on his right cheek and a deep scar on his chin. Police urge anyone who may have seen Eben, or who might have information about his whereabouts, to come forward. Community members can contact the investigating officer, sergeant Amukelani Mashimbye, on 082 772 9226, their nearest police station, or Crime Stop on 08600 10111. Anonymous tip-offs can also be submitted via the MySAPS App.



### WE NEED YOUR BLOOD!

**Donate blood** at the South African National Blood Service (SANBS) Rustenburg, situated at the Lifestyle Square centre in Beyers Naude Drive, Rustenburg. Pop in before you do your shopping! Your blood can save up to three lives! You can donate blood every 56 days. **For more information visit [www.sanbs.org.za](http://www.sanbs.org.za) or give SANBS Rustenburg a call at 014 594 2771.**



## SOULFOOD

### EPHESIANS 5:1-2

1 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.  
2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.



NEW KING JAMES VERSION (NKJV)

## HAVE YOUR SAY

Do you think a day will come when you can walk down the street without constantly feeling like you might become a target of crime?

According to the latest national crime stats, South Africa records over 70 murders a day. Many citizens live with constant vigilance. Do you believe change is possible — where walking freely and safely down the street could one day become a reality?



“No. Because crimes are rarely solved. Even when you report a case, the suspect is often arrested only to be released on bail shortly after. Court cases can drag on for a year or more before a verdict is reached — and in the meantime, the same person may still be out there committing crimes.”

Bonita Bester,  
Rustenburg



“Yes. I believe a day will come when walking down the street won’t feel threatening. As women, we often carry the invisible weight of fear, but I believe in progress — safer communities, stronger laws, and a society that values women’s safety. It may take time, but constant fear doesn’t have to be our future.”

Dimpho Kgapanne,  
Rustenburg

### PUBLIC POLL: THE RESULTS ARE IN!

Do you think a day will come when you can walk down the street without constantly feeling like you might become a target of crime?

NO **97%** YES **3%**



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## PLATINUM EVENT DIARY

### Oor-die-Vaal-Ete

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Saterdag,  
20 September  
2025, 14:30

### Orange Blossom 50th Annual Tournament at Rustenburg Golf Club Celebrate half a century of golfing tradition!

The Rustenburg Golf Club is proud to host the Orange Blossom 50th Annual Tournament – a golden anniversary event filled with competition, camaraderie, and unforgettable moments. Whether you’re a seasoned golfer or simply love the sport, this three-day celebration promises to be a highlight in Rustenburg’s sporting history. Rustenburg Golf Club, 180 Bethlehem Drive, Rustenburg | 014 592 5575 | 081 512 6965

Friday, 3 October –  
Sunday, 5 October  
2025

## POLL

Do you entertain people and add value to their lives, or do you simply drain them?

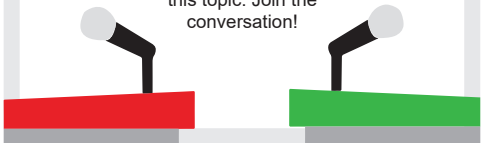
Everyday interactions either uplift or exhaust. Some people bring laughter, encouragement, and light, while others leave those around them feeling drained. Reflect honestly: are you a source of joy and inspiration, or do you take more than you give?

Here’s how you can participate. Email us at [news@platinumweekly.co.za](mailto:news@platinumweekly.co.za) or WhatsApp your response to 081 579 7000.

Include the following:

- **Your answer:** Yes or No
- **Why?** We want to hear from you!
- **A recent photo** – We’d love to publish your pic alongside your answer!
- **Your town/city**
- **Deadline** – Be sure to send your response before 12:00 on Monday, 22 September 2025.

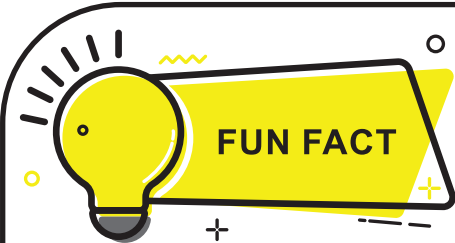
**Vote results:** The outcome of the poll will be featured in our next issue. Be a part of our community’s story! **P.S.:** Don’t forget, you can also voice your opinion on our Facebook post about this topic. Join the conversation!



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## Did you know?

Using a child car seat or booster seat can reduce the risk of injury in a crash by up to 80%! South African law requires all children under three to be secured in an approved car seat, while older kids should always use seat belts or boosters suited to their size. A seat belt isn’t just a strap — it’s a superhero shield that keeps young passengers safe. So next time you hit the road, remember: every trip, every time, buckle up!



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ORANGE BLOSSOM TURNS 50 AT RUSTENBURG GOLF CLUB



**Rustenburg** – Local golf lovers, mark your calendars! The Rustenburg Golf Club is teeing up for an unforgettable weekend as it hosts the Orange Blossom 50th Annual Tournament from Friday, 3 October to Sunday, 5 October 2025. This iconic event, now celebrating its golden anniversary, promises three days of thrilling competition, camaraderie, and classic golfing tradition. Whether you're a seasoned player or a weekend warrior, the Orange Blossom Tournament is a chance to be part of Rustenburg sports history. Daily tournament formats include:

- Friday, 3 Oct – IPS 95%
- Saturday, 4 Oct – Betterball 85%
- Sunday, 5 Oct – Medal 95%

Players can enter at R400 per day for members or R500 for visitors, with optional golf carts available at R350 (members) and R400 (visitors) per day. For more information or to secure your spot, contact the club on 014 592 5575 or 081 512 6965. The Rustenburg Golf Club is located at 180 Bethlehem Drive, Rustenburg.

## Charné Malan publishes children's book

**Rustenburg** – Creativity, charisma, and a dash of sparkle — that's what Rustenburg-born Charné Malan brings to the world with her newly released children's book. Now living in the wine valleys of Durbanville, Charné is making waves as a multifaceted creative: author, actress, model, and entrepreneur. Her journey is proof that stories can grow from local roots to touch faraway places. Alongside her academic background in Psychology and Tourism, Charné brings empathy and imagination into her writing, weaving tales that reflect her vibrant personality and passion for children's storytelling. Charné is also known for her dazzling presence on stage and screen, yet it is her writing — heartfelt and brimming with magic — that is now capturing the hearts of young readers. And she never works alone: her beloved feline companion, Mushroom, is always nearby, adding warmth and charm to her creative world.



Charné Malan – Rustenburg-born author, actress, and creative powerhouse, now delighting children with her storytelling.



The enchanting cover of *Mushroom's Oyster*, Charné Malan's debut children's book.

## DOUBLE THE TALENT!

**Rustenburg** – The spirit of karate was alive and strong at the TSKKIA International All Styles Championships, held from 1–3 August 2025 in Rustenburg, where young athletes from across the country showcased their skill, discipline, and determination. Among the standout performers were two sibling duos who proudly brought home medals and new titles as TSKKIA International and National Champions. Brother-and-sister team MJ and Lene van der Mescht impressed the judges with their sharp techniques and fighting spirit. MJ walked away with two Golds, one Silver and one Bronze, while his sister Lene earned one Gold and two

Silvers. Another sibling duo, Toyosi and Tiwa Iluyomade, also made their mark on the mats. Toyosi secured one Silver and one Bronze, while her sister Tiwa clinched one Gold and one Bronze. These achievements highlight not only the talent within the local karate community but also the value of dedication, family support, and sportsmanship. For more information on this and other TSKKIA-related events, contact TSKKIA on 082 463 1073 or visit [www.tskkia.co.za](http://www.tskkia.co.za). You can also follow their journey on Facebook at Tokon Shotokan Karate A/C.



Sisters Toyosi (left) and Tiwa Iluyomade shine at the TSKKIA International All Styles, adding gold, silver, and bronze medals to their family's collection.



MJ and Lene van der Mescht proudly display their medals after outstanding performances at the TSKKIA International All Styles in Rustenburg.

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Rugga nuus

2025 Curriebeker

Semi-finale uitslae:

Saterdag 13 Sept

- Griekwas 25-5 Cheetahs
- Lions 67-19 Boland

Die Joburgers is die oorweldigende gunsteling om die Goue Beker vanjaar omhoog te hou. Die Sharks het die Leeus in 'n dramatiese 2024 finaal geklop. Afskop: Saterdag 20 September om 15:00 op Ellispark.

2025 Rugby Championship

Uitslae: Saterdag 13 Sept

- Australië 26-28 Argentinië
- Nieu-Seeland 10-43 Suid-Afrika

Net so terloops ou grote... Dit is die Bokke se grootste oorwinning nog ooit teen die Kiwi's! Die reeks word weer op 27 September hervat.

Nag ou grote...

### OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER

#### PUBLIC NOTICE: IDP/PMS/Budget Process Plan 2026/2031 and Public Participation for the Financial Year 2026/2027

Notice is hereby given in terms of Chapter IV and V of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act (Act no. 32 of 2000) and Chapter IV and Section 21 (1) of Municipal Finance Management Act (Act no. 56 of 2003) which indicates that: The Mayor must; at least 10 months before the start of the Budget Year; table in the Municipal Council a time schedule outlining key deadlines for the review of its Integrated Development Plan (IDP) in terms of Section 34 of Municipal Systems Act.

#### Dates and Venues for the 1<sup>st</sup> Round of IDP Public Participation Meetings:

| Cluster | Wards                          | Venues                | Date                       | Time  |
|---------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------|
| 1       | 9, 11, 12, 22, 31, 32          | Ramoga                | Wednesday, 01 October 2025 | 10:00 |
| 2       | 1, 2, 3, 4, 18, 19, 20, 21     | Pella                 | Thursday, 02 October 2025  | 10:00 |
| 3       | 10, 15, 16, 17                 | Sandfontein           | Friday, 03 October 2025    | 10:00 |
| 4       | 14, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30 | Tweelagte             | Tuesday, 07 October 2025   | 10:00 |
| 5       | 13, 33, 35                     | Mogwase Sports Centre | Friday, 10 October 2025    | 10:00 |
| 6       | 5, 6, 7, 8, 29, 34             | Mapaputle             | Tuesday, 14 October 2025   | 10:00 |

#### IDP/PMS/Budget Process Plan for the Financial Year 2026/2027 can be found @

- Municipal Offices (Madikwe and Mogwase)
- Libraries: Tlokwen, Mabeskraal, Manamela, Mogwase and Mmatau
- Traditional Councils

And can also be accessed on the Municipal Website: [www.moseskotane.gov.za](http://www.moseskotane.gov.za)

Further Enquiries may be directed to:  
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**Ms. Dimakatso Molope (Manager: Budget & Reporting) @ 072 954 9896 [DMolope@moseskotane.gov.za](mailto:DMolope@moseskotane.gov.za)**

**Mr. M.V. Letsoalo | Accounting Officer**



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# Make a splash!

## RUSTENBURG POOLS OPEN FOR FAMILY FUN!

**Rustenburg** – Spring has sprung, the sun is out, and Rustenburg's municipal pools are open to make a splash this season! Families can once again dive into safe, affordable fun, with lifeguards on duty and plenty of space for little swimmers to

enjoy. Earlier this month, *Platinum Weekly* went pool-hopping to check the status of the city's facilities. At the Ben Marais Hall pool in Middle Street, we found workers still filling the pools, meaning it's not yet open. A week later, on 12 September

2025, the Town Pool in Marais Street opened its gates for inspection and we found smiling staff ready to welcome the community.

Superintendent of Rustenburg Pools, Obakeng Dithebe, explained that the municipality oversees five pools: Karlien Park, Marais Street (Town Pool), Zinniaville, Monakato, and Middle Street (Ben Marais Hall). “We would like to let the public know that we are open excluding the pool in Ben Marais.”

## What's Open and Ready?

- Town Pool (Marais Street): Baby pool and diving pool are filled and ready. Olympic pool is still being prepared.
- Karlén Park, Zinniville, Monakato: Each has two pools (baby + diving), already open.
- Ben Marais Hall (Middle Street): Closed for now due to a shortage of lifeguards.

## Affordable Entry for Everyone

- Children: R10
- Adults: R22
- School groups: R8 per learner, teachers R22 (special applies indefinitely).



Friendly staff at the Town Pool, geared up to keep the community safe while they splash into spring.



## Safety First!

Dithebe also reminded swimmers:

- Always wear the right swim gear.
- Leave valuables at home.
- No alcohol is allowed.

- Most importantly: children must **ALWAYS** swim under adult supervision.

*With the sun shining, laughter in the air, and crystal-clear water waiting, Rustenburg's pools are the perfect spot to celebrate spring, make memories, and stay cool.*

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