

Sibanye boosting health and safety



Rustenburg – On Wednesday, 26 July, Sibanye Platinum officially handed over two ambulances to the Department of Health and scholar patrol equipment to ten local schools; in partnership with the Department of Mineral Resources, the North West Department of Health, the Rustenburg Local Municipality's Safety Directorate, the North West Community Safety and Transport Management, and the Department of Education and Sport Development. The handover was done at the Rustenburg Civic Centre.

Obstetric ambulances

The North West province has the highest maternal mortality ratio in South Africa at 185 deaths per 100 000 live births (Health Systems Trust, 2016). This is well above the millennium development goal of 4/100 000 and the national average of 133/100 000.

One of the contributing causes of this serious challenge is the unavailability of timely transport of mothers requiring emergency obstetric care which cannot be offered at a primary health centre level. Similarly, generic emergency care vehicles are not adequately equipped to provide sufficient care en route. This results in a severely delayed response time for both obstetric and other general emergencies which in turn leads in poor treatment outcomes and even preventable death.

It is against this background that Sibanye, as part of the 2016 – 2020 social and labour plan, undertook to purchase two fully

equipped maternal and obstetric units in order to meet the National Core Standard for sufficient coverage in the area with regards to medical emergency transfers, to the value of R1 200 000. These ambulances were donated to the Department of Health who will take full responsibility of their operation and maintenance. Communities served by both the Phokeng and Tlhabane Health Centres will benefit from services rendered by these units.

Rustenburg Scholar Patrol program Safety of learners crossing busy roads, especially young ones at primary school level is a serious challenge in our communities. When the Rustenburg Local Municipality's Department of Public Safety approached Sibanye for a partnership to address this, Sibanye gladly accepted. Ten primary schools in the Rustenburg area will benefit through the training of 100 scholar patrollers, the provision of scholar patrol safety equipment and uniforms and safety message communication through posters and pamphlets. This project amounts to about R87 000.00.

The beneficiary schools are the Letsibogo Primary school in Boitekong, Tshirologang Primary in Boitekong, Paardekraal Primary in Sunrise Park, Retlakgona Primary in Meriting, Banapele Primary in Sondela, Mfidikwe Primary in Mfidikwe, Photosaneng Primary in Photosaneng, Tlhage Primary in Thekwana, Marikana Primary in Marikana, and Platinum Primary in Bleskop.



Linda Mkhise, senior road safety officer of the Department of Community Safety and Transport Management (right), practicing proper scholar patrol procedure.

From left: Councillor Michael Mhlungu, acting executive mayor Rustenburg Local Municipality; Bheki Khumalo, senior vice president of Human Capital – Sibanye Platinum; Pule Manale, chief director of the Department of Health, North West province; Vicky Mongonyane EMS manager, Department of Health, Bojanala District; and John Motaung EMS station manager, Department of Health, Rustenburg.

THE GROOMSMITH BARBER Celebrates birthday!



From left - Robyn Lehmann - stylist, Anton Engelbrecht - Stylist, Barnie Van Niekerk - Owner, Melissa Venter - Barber.

Rustenburg – 1 August 2017 marks the first birthday of Groomsmith Barber. "We are very thankful to be able to celebrate our first completed year in business and thank all our loyal customers," says Barnie van Niekerk, owner. The Groomsmith Barber is a unisex barbershop; they cut, colour, blow-dry and also stock Buffelsfontein Baard Olie and accessories. The Groomsmith Barber are unique in their own way. "Each customer receives a free bag of popcorn when they come in for a cut, blow-dry or colour. We also have a loyalty programme; cut your hair with us for five times and receive the 6th cut for free," says Van Niekerk. Located at shop 1, Gateway Junction, next to the Burger King, the team invites the community to pop in for a visit. If you would like to make an appointment, contact 083-383 4280 or email thegroomsmith1@gmail.com.

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Weather Report North West Rustenburg

Friday	4	August	2017	24°C - 9°C
Saturday	5	August	2017	24°C - 9°C
Sunday	6	August	2017	26°C - 8°C
Monday	7	August	2017	26°C - 8°C
Tuesday	8	August	2017	24°C - 8°C

At time of print

FINANCIAL INDICATORS

Crude Oil	[OIL]	R	683.64
Gold Ounces	[XAU]	R	16 827.86
Platinum Ounces	[XPT]	R	12 542.84
Palladium Ounces	[XPD]	R	11 939.21
United States Dollar	[USD]	R	13.29
British Pound	[GBP]	R	17.58
Euro	[EUR]	R	15.76
Chinese Yen	[CNY]	R	1.98
Namibian Dollar	[NAD]	R	1.00
Lesotho Loti	[LSL]	R	1.00

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