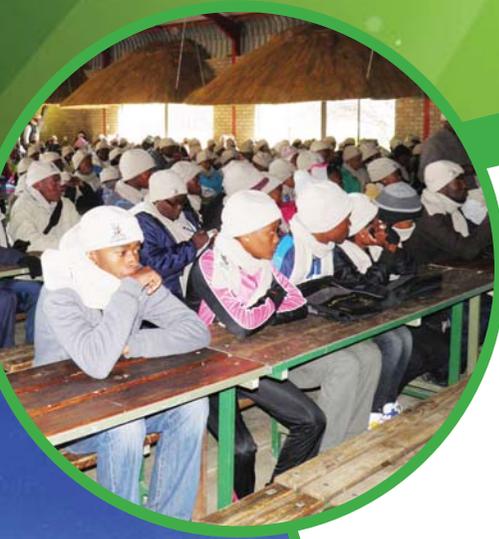


Save Tomorrow, Today

World Environment Day

National Environmental Month



World Environment Day (WED) was celebrated worldwide on the 5th of June 2011; whereas June is the National Environmental Month of South Africa. Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, Edna Molewe officially opened this initiative at the Golden Gate Highlands National Park (Free State).

South Africans have a responsibility towards conserving the environment and making meaningful life changes to ensure that the effects of climate change are addressed. The Bojanala Platinum District Municipality share the same vision. All five municipalities took part in this initiative namely the Madibeng Local Municipality, Moses Kotane Local Municipality, Rustenburg Local Municipality, Kgetleng Rivier Local Municipality as well as Moretele Local Municipality.

Closer to home, the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality, led by Executive Mayor, Cllr. Louis Diremelo, took it upon themselves to increase environmental awareness by hosting a three-day camp. Attended by learners from primary- and secondary schools, as well as numerous elderly community members, the camp at Arendsnes Safaris (Eagle's Nest Safaris) hosted from 24-26 June 2011, was a huge success!

Facilitators skilled in environment awareness and preservation were actively busy sharing their knowledge and wisdom to all whom attended. Waste management, environmental health, environmental legislation, biodiversity conservation, indigenous knowledge systems as well as climate changes were some of the topics covered.

Originally, World Environment Day (WED) was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1972 at the Stockholm Conference on Human Environment. Commemorated each year on June 5, WED is one of the principal vehicles used to stimulate worldwide awareness of the environment. In South Africa, Environment Month is celebrated under the theme, "Save Tomorrow, Today" with the sole purpose to emphasise that all

MMC Violet Molotsi (from the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality) welcomed the guests to this fun-filled, yet informational annual camp. As MMC Molotsi reiterated, "Sustainability of the environment cannot be reached without knowledge, and we can do this only if we work together. Working together can help in building an immeasurable community!"



MMC Violet Molotsi

