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Passion of the CROSS



The Cross shines magnificent at night

The cross on top of the hill near the Civic Centre in Rustenburg was erected in 1999 through an initiative lead by the NG Bergsig Church.

According to Ricky Terblanche, who is one of the people that took part in the construction of the cross, the structure was inspired by an Easter play that was performed at the Civic Centre, which was then newly constructed.

"The play was about the crucifying of Jesus and it was very popular. It attracted many people from within Rustenburg and also involved other churches.

We then came up with the idea of putting up the cross," said Ricky.

After being granted permission by the Rustenburg Local Municipality to go ahead with the construction, the congregation of the NG Bergsig Church contributed towards the costs of the project. Today – twelve years down the line – the cross is still standing upright and remains visible, especially at night, thanks to its bright lights which are maintained and replaced from time to time.

"I am very happy when I look at the cross because it reminds me of the time when it was put up. I hope

it inspires other people as well," said Ricky.

When the Platinum Weekly asked some readers their opinion about the Cross, the general feeling was that of hope. "It gives me hope. It's simple, we live in a society where we rush from one place to the next, and in the process we lose perspective. This Cross is a reminder of hope for a better Rustenburg, a better me, a better society."

Another reader commented, "At night when driving, I sometimes feel scared, but when I look up at the cross, I know that God is with me when I'm travelling. He will always be there for me."