

SALGA elections & dinner

The elections were held just a day after the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality hosted an elaborate gala dinner at the Civic Centre in Rustenburg that was attended by high ranking representatives from all of the municipalities in the North West.

The dinner – which was sponsored by Standard Bank – was held to welcome the new mayors and councillors now in office following the 18 May local government elections as well as to take stock of the achievements and challenges of the outgoing administrations. All of the Province’s 25 municipalities (four Districts and 21 Locals) were represented by mayors, municipal managers and/or councillors. Some of the notable dignitaries present were the Executive Mayor of the Bojanala Platinum District Municipality,

Cllr. Louis Diremelo, Executive Mayor of Dr. Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality, Cllr. Boitumelo Moloi, Moses Kotane Local Municipality Executive Mayor Cllr. Tetsang Mokate-Thebe, Tlokwe Local Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr. Andrew Maphetle and other representatives from most municipalities in the province.

The main hall at the Civic Centre, which was the venue for the gala dinner, was immaculately decorated. The brightly lit stage was the centre of attraction and guests also had the option of viewing all the proceedings of the night on a huge screen next to the stage.

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We welcome you all to Rustenburg,” said **Bojanala Platinum District Municipality** Executive Mayor, Cllr Louis Diremelo during his welcome address.

Some of the guest could be seen dancing to the songs by Tlhabane-based jazz musician Thumi, who took to the stage to perform some of his popular songs.

In his address, Tlokwe Mayor Cllr. Maphetle reminded guests that people in power have the duty of attending to the needs of those who had entrusted them with that power. He said: “We are in positions of authority because of the people who voted for us.

We should never forget this and should also be guided by the wishes of the people. I would like to thank Standard Bank for sponsoring this event. “We as local government should enter into partnerships with these banks because they attend to us during our hour of need. Bojanala District Municipality should be commended for hosting all of us.”

Following another stage performance by a traditional group, SALGA North West presented awards to outstanding councillors for the 2010 to 2011 year.

