

Lonmin, the best of the best

Rustenburg - On Friday 31 August, Lonmin was honoured in four of the seven categories at the MineSAFE Conference in Johannesburg. The awards were bestowed in acknowledgment of its 'best of the best' safety, health and environmental performance during the past year.

The MineSAFE Conference focuses on improving health, safety and environmental impacts in the South African mining and metallurgy industry. Each year, on the last day of the conference, the top performers in safety, health and environmental performance are awarded.

"I wish to thank each and every person working at Lonmin - my gratitude goes to our employees, contractors, the Inspectorate, management team, safety teams, and organised labour for making Lonmin proud," said Lonmin's chief executive officer (CEO) Ben Magara.



From left: CEO of Lonmin, Ben Magara, receiving the best improved company safety award from senior executive in environment, health and legalities Nikisi Lesufi.

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Basics of Bird PHOTOGRAPHY

Rustenburg – What is the most important factor in taking better photographs of birds? Is it the camera or the lens or the bird?

Hennie Niemand, a well-known personality in the birding fraternity and friend of BirdLife Rustenburg, will be giving a talk on the basics of bird photography which will assist novice photographers in taking better bird photos.

He will also be sharing his vast knowledge and experience with us. Hennie lives at Hartebeespoort Dam and is the father of Lukas Niemand, a renowned birding mentor.

The meeting will take place on at 19:00 on Monday, 17 September, at the Methodist Church on the corner of Brink and Schuurman Streets. All members and non-members are welcome; non-members to pay R20 per person. Tea, coffee and snacks will be served after the meeting.

should be back in Rustenburg by 15:00. Feel free to contact chairperson, Shaun McGillewie, on 083 702 1462, should you wish to learn more about BirdLife Rustenburg and would like to attend events. Also, if you need help with identification of a bird, a picture will help with the identification.

On Saturday, 25 August, there will be an outing to Alan McGill's farm in Northam, bordering the Bierspruit Dam. Alan and Sandy McGill will be the club's hosts. Alan is the son of eminent Rustenburg Wildlife artist Bill McGill. This farm hosts plentiful water birds and waders at the dam, including the Yellow-bellied Greenbul, Lesser Masked Weaver, African Hawk Eagle, Knob-billed Duck, Great Crested Grebe and much more.

All members and non-members are welcome; non-members to pay R20. Please bring your own snacks, drinks and chairs. We will meet at BP Garage at the Waterfall Mall at 5:45 to leave at 06:00 and



The White-fronted Bee-eater. Photo: Wynand Sauerma

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