

BIRDING BIG DAY 2018

BirdLife Rustenburg



African Pygmy Kingfisher. Photo: Wynand Sauerman.

Rustenburg – The African continent is going big with this year's Birding Big Day (BBD) taking place Saturday 24 November. BirdLife South Africa will host their 34rd BBD.

Ernst Retief, event organiser said: "During Birding Big Day 2016, more than a thousand birders recorded 654 species... a record! We also raised some essential funds for bird conservation. Throughout the 2018 event, we hope to break this record and have even more birders out enjoying nature."

South Africa's neighbours are also taking part in this challenge to see which country can log the most species in 24 hours. Namibia, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Kenya, Egypt and others, will host their own BBD's.

Members of BirdLife Rustenburg, who have participated in this popular national annual bird count event, will share their experiences during the monthly meeting. The meeting will take place at 19:00 on Monday, 19 November, at the Methodist Church on the corner of Brink

and Schuurman Streets. All members and non-members are welcome; non-members must pay R20.00 per person. Tea, coffee and snacks will be served after the meeting.

At the meeting, Wynand Sauerman and Hanti Mathews will share some of the highlights and photos of the Botswana event in October. Special birds that were seen include the Boulder Chat, Broad-billed Roller, African Pygmy Kingfisher, Diederick Cuckoo and many more.

On Saturday, 24 November, BirdLife Rustenburg will enter as many teams as possible to take part in the Birding Big Day and will try to see and hear as many bird species as possible, for 24 hours, in a 50km radius around Rustenburg.

Feel free to contact our chairperson, Shaun McGillewie, on 083 702 1462 should you wish to learn more about BirdLife Rustenburg and would like to attend our events. Also, if you need help with identification of a bird – a picture will help.

ORBIT TVET college Rustenburg welcomes their new principal

Rustenburg – ORBIT technical and vocation education and training (TVET) college Rustenburg held a brunch on Friday 26 October to introduce their new principal: Dika Mokoena.

Dika Freddy Mokoena has a formidable track record and gained experience at other TVET colleges. He started at Ekjuruleni East college as the deputy principal of academic affairs, after which he was appointed as the acting principal of Tshwane North college.

There is no doubt that the Rustenburg college will benefit greatly from his knowledge and strong beliefs. His main goal is to take the college to greater heights.



From left: newly appointed principal of ORBIT TVET college Dika Mokoena; and acting regional manager of North West and Mpumalanga TVET and CET colleges Nick Balkrishen.

The best of the best

Rustenburg – Grenville High School's honours evening took place on 29 October. Students received awards for their academic, sport and cultural achievements throughout the year. Congratulations!



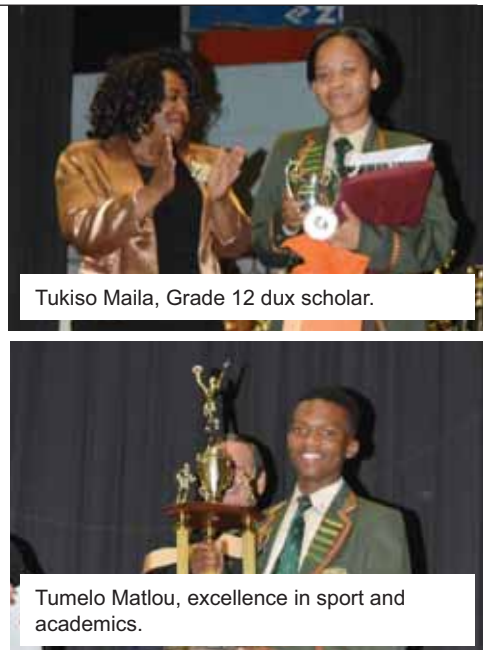
Adivhaho Tshivhiahuvhi, sportswoman of the year.



Bongile Cekiso and Ontiretse Gibbs, excellence in drama for participating in the national acting competition finals.



Rebaone Tsitsi, Springbok landservice colours.

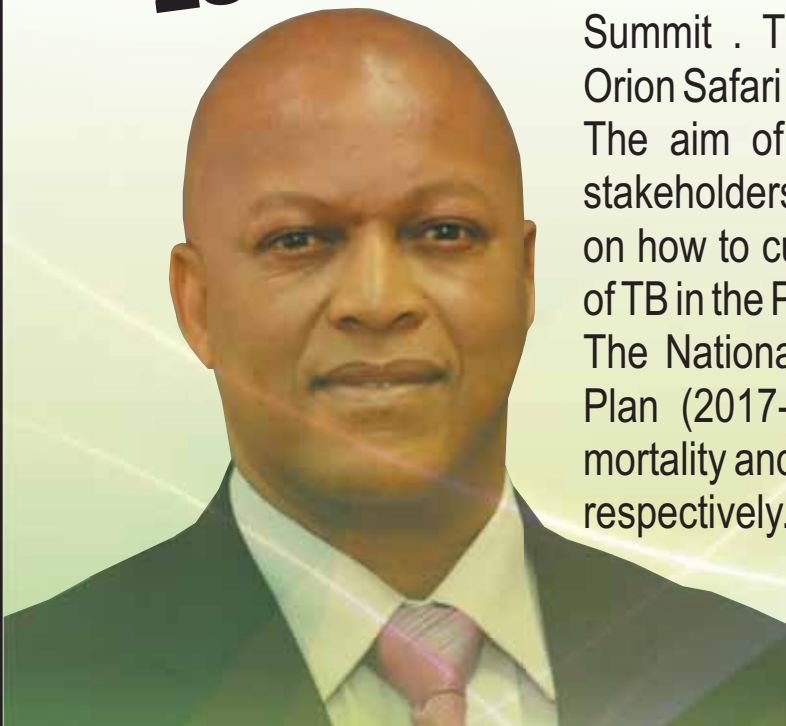


Tukiso Maila, Grade 12 dux scholar.



Tumelo Matlou, excellence in sport and academics.

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TB SUMMIT

The North West Department of Health will hold a two day Tuberculosis (TB) Summit . The summit will be held at Orion Safari Lodge, Rustenburg.

The aim of the summit is to engage stakeholders and role players like mines on how to curb and reduce the scourge of TB in the Province.

The National TB Programme Strategic Plan (2017-2021) aims to reduce TB mortality and incidence by 43% and 26% respectively. A total of 454 000 people

are diagnosed with TB in South Africa and 300 000 people are initiated on treatment.

In 2017 North West has diagnosed 16 541 cases with susceptible TB. A total of 5 181 cases were recorded in Bojanala District of which 2414 cases were in the mining town of Rustenburg.

Members of the media are invited to attend the summit which is scheduled to start at 09h00 in Rustenburg (Orion Safari Lodge).