



A stunning piece of art for all to appreciate at Rustenburg's popular Die Melkstal since recently. This creative design by Rustenburg's mother and daughter team Lani Else and Aimee Goosen clearly shows what is possible with a "little" imagination and a lot of talent. This breathtaking piece was made from a standard manikin, lace, chrystal, beads, metal, hundreds of pages from an old telephone directory and stacks of patience. The piece was commissioned by Sonja Norris and her daughter Samantha Mendes from Melkstal. Pictured here with the piece are Samantha Mendes and the designers Lani Else and Aimee Goosen. Also see Rustenburg Herald of this week for more information.

## Virtual ordinary meeting of council invitation

**BONUS - RUSTENBURG** - Notice is hereby given to members of the public in terms of Section 19 of the Local Government: Municipal System Act 2000 as amended as well as Section 31 (i) of the Local Government: Structures Act 1998 as amended about the Virtual Ordinary Meeting of Council that is scheduled as follows:

Time: 10:00

Date: 28 July 2020.

Please note that due to Covid-19 Lockdown Regulations, viewing of the meeting by the public will be facilitated through live streaming on facebook.





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**BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Rustenburg Crime Combating Unit (RCCU) on Wednesday (15 July) led an operation to demolish recently illegal erected structures on a piece of land along the bustling R510.**

Part of the earmarked land by the grabbers, was used as a site establishment office, one of the appointed contractors for the Rustenburg Rapid Transport (RRT) project. Initial reports received by the Municipality indicated a construction of illegal structures (shacks) by a group of people, who also begun demarcating the land. The Municipality's Public Safety Officers and an official from the Planning and Human Settlements Directorate, descended upon the portion where the land grabs were underway. After successfully halting the continuation of the construction of illegal structures on the edge of a flood line and within close proximity to the concrete barrier of the highway, the group was dispersed and

law enforcement patrolled the area overnight to ensure no further illegal activity took place there. This incident according to the municipality follows another separate and unrelated land-grab incident where law enforcement were called to Dinie Estate, along the R24 (Krugersdorp Road) where a group of people were found demarcating the land, and erecting shacks and fences. The Municipality's law enforcement officials, with the assistance of SAPS and SANDF successfully removed the illegal occupiers from land as well as the apparatus used to establish the illegal structures. Patrols continue in the area, to prevent another incident of illegal occupation.

# SAPS successes

**BONUS - RUSTENBURG - The police in the Rustenburg Cluster had a number of successes in their efforts to fight crime.**

In the investigation of the 2017 murder of 33-year-old Mthunzi Mbenge, Bernardo Thembo was arrested. It seems that the two men had an argument after Thembo accused Mbenge of

stealing his television set. The argument then escalated and Thembo stabbed Mbenge to death.

Thembo was arrested shortly after the incident on 26 March 2017 and he was recently found guilty of the crime. He was sentenced to 13 years imprisonment. Koster Police also recorded a success when a suspect in a housebreaking case was apprehended. During a housebreaking on 29 May this year, a firearm, ammunition, as well as electrical appliances was stolen. Police followed up information and a suspect, Simon Sehiri was arrested. A Smith & Wesson revolver and ammunition was found in his possession and when his home was searched, the missing electrical appliances were found. Tlhabane Police detained an Ethiopian national after finding him with an unlicensed firearm and ammunition. The police acted on information they received, and when the shopkeeper could not produce a license for the pistol he carried, he was arrested.

Police in Lethabong arrested a tavern owner for contravening Lockdown regulations by selling liquor outside of the legal hours. The tavern owner was also reported to the Northwest Liquor Board.

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# Electrical revenue enhancement initiative by RLM

**BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Rustenburg Local Municipality is embarking on a number of initiatives to reduce electricity distribution losses and improve service delivery and revenue collection.**

As part of these initiatives, Cigicell (Pty)Ltd has been appointed as a service provider on behalf of the Rustenburg Local Municipality to assist with the audit of meters, repair of existing installations as well as the installations of new meters, within the Municipality boundaries in an ongoing effort to enhance revenue.

"Consumers are hereby notified that Cigicell field workers will be visiting business premises to physically inspect electricity meters and assess the functionality thereof. Field workers will

carry identification cards which will reflect all their information and project details," the municipality said.

"Therefor, we humbly request cooperation of consumers to achieve the objective of this activity. Failure to provide us with access to your meter may result in the suspension of your electricity supply".

For any queries or concerns, please contact Mr Tlhoriso City Mokoena or Mr Mahomed Carrin on 071 670 9318 or 072 282 5308 respectively.

# Isolation period for COVID-19 reduced

**BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Government has revised the recommended isolation period for patients who have tested positive for COVID-19.**

In a statement released recently the Health Minister Dr Zweli Mkhize informed South Africans that the recommended isolation period for patients with confirmed COVID-19 infections is reduced from 14 days to 10 days.

He said the recommendation to reduce the number of days in isolation is based on evidence that most patients with a mild

COVID-19 infection continue to shed the virus from their upper airways for approximately seven to 12 days.

"Furthermore, the presence of detectable virus when testing does not necessarily imply infectiousness. It has been proven that in mild cases, virus cultures are generally only positive for 8-9 days after symptom onset," said the Minister.

# Please bring Sokkie back



**BONUS - RUSTENBURG - "Our little dog, Sokkie disappeared on 13 July 2020 in President Mbeki Avenue. This is not only our loving Pekingese, it is our "child" and a reward will be given to the person who brings Sokkie back to us. My children's hearts are broken, we only want him back please. If you have any information about Sokkie, please contact 072 038 2612".**

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### Beware when buying online

**BONUS - RUSTENBURG** - When buying items online, even from well-known sites, be aware that scammers might be out to con you.

Local police has said that they have seen an increase in the reporting of fraud cases involving online transactions. “Do not pay over any money before you have made absolutely sure that the item you are buying is legitimate,” warns capt Elsabé Augoustides, local police spokesperson. She says it is especially car transactions that see a lot of people being scammed out of their money. “When you agree to meet a prospective seller, make sure the meeting spot is in a public place that is safe,” capt Augoustides adds.

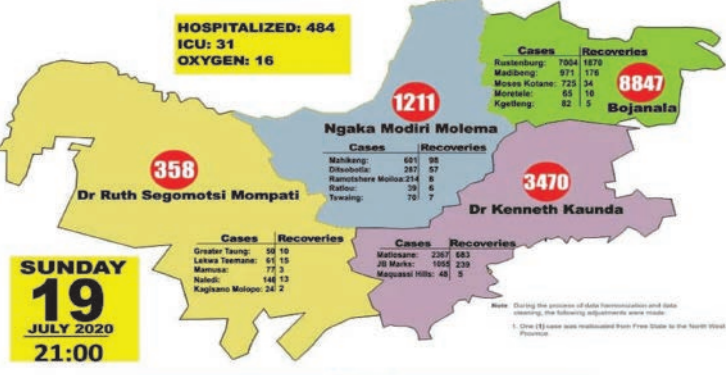


### Covid in NW: Half of all infections in Rustenburg

**BONUS - RUSTENBURG** - The week kicked off here with the city having exactly half of all Covid-19 infections recorded in the North West province. According to the North West dept of Health, the province had 14 006 cases as of Sunday (19 July) - an increase of 605 new cases, 292 were in the Bojanala District, bringing the total of the district to 8847 cases. Rustenburg now has 7004 cases. The province has recorded 48 deaths to date.

#### COVID-19 STATISTICS IN THE NORTH WEST

District	Cases	New Cases	Active Cases	Recoveries	Deaths
Bojanala	8847	292	6736	2095	16
Dr Kenneth Kaunda	3470	147	2518	927	25
Ngaka Modiri Molema	1211	109	1030	176	5
Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti	358	30	313	43	2
Unallocated	120	27	120	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,006</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>10717</b>	<b>3241</b>	<b>48</b>



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### Field hospital: What field hospital?

DA Councillor Luan Snyders visited the site where a 500-bed field hospital was supposed to have been erected. (Photo: Supplied)



**BONUS - RUSTENBURG** - Over the years, South Africans have come to expect empty promises from government.


But with the Corona pandemic, the citizens of the country had hope that, for once, government will put them first - as this virus is threatening to bring the whole of the country to its knees. Alas, they have dropped the ball spectacularly, not making the most of Level 5 Lockdown to prepare the country for the total onslaught as they have promised. And, once again, North West is in the front lines of service delivery failures. The latest is the promised 500-bed field hospital for Rustenburg - the epicenter of the infections in the province - that has not materialized.

In his recent response to a parliamentary question posed by the Democratic Alliance (DA) on field hospitals, the national Minister of Health, Zweli Mkhize, confirmed that the 200-bed field hospital designated to the Bojanala district, was close to completion. The Minister, however, failed to report on the progress of the additional 500-bed field hospital that was embarked on in May 2020 already.


After nearly two months, the allocated land situated at the Job Shimankane Tabane Hospital in remains empty. Bonus/Rustenburg Herald has requested comment regarding the situation. See this week's Rustenburg Herald for more on this story.



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also include motorcycles. In the next couple  
of editions of Bonus/Rustenburg Herald we  
will be showcasing the racers on the Voodoo  
Racing Bike Top 10 list.

Our readers will get to know a little bit  
more about the knights on their iron horses

Be sure to catch your copy of the  
Rustenburg Herald over the next weeks to  
make sure you do not miss out.

Konka Farm  
Run cancelled

BONUS - RUSTENBURG - Run Walk for  
Life has taken the decision to cancel the  
2020 edition of the Konka Farm Run that  
was scheduled to take place on Saturday  
29 August 2020.

They hope that all runners and walkers will  
continue to train to make next year's third  
edition a celebration of health and wellness.

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