

# Rustenburg Herald's Bonus

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## Waterfall Mall photo incident: Beware before you share!

**BONUS - RUSTENBURG** - The Rustenburg community was up in arms last week when a Whatsapp-message started circling about an alleged incident at the Waterfall Mall where pictures were apparently taken of a child.

The message alleged that strangers took pictures of a child who was waiting outside a store with her mother. The voicenote then continues to allege that child traffickers have been active at the Mall previously and that, after Lockdown, it's become a problem again. "There is absolutely no truth in any of these allegations. No child has ever been reported missing in the Mall and there has never been a report of an attempted abduction either," Jessica Varty, spokesperson of the Waterfall Mall, said in a statement. Varty added that the Mall views these falsehoods in an extremely serious light and that they have already obtained legal assistance in handling the situation.

"While we are doing everything possible to ensure the safety of our shoppers, but it remains the responsibility of each person to safeguard their children and their personnel belongings," Varty said.

She concluded by giving shoppers the assurance that security at the mall is very capable and stationed strategically to be on hand for any emergency.



## World Teacher's Day – celebrating our unsung heroes

Teachers are often the unsung heroes of education and World Teacher's Day was celebrated on Monday 5 October 2020. Pictured here are teachers of Bergsig Academy celebrating Heritage Day: C Maledu, K Potgieter, M Mmekoa, M Snyman and D Makhubalo.

**BONUS - RUSTENBURG** - Even with the best equipped schools or the best textbooks, without teachers, children won't be able to learn and progress.

This has never been more evident than during the pandemic, where many parents were forced by necessity to implement home-schooling and recognized just what a mammoth task teaching truly is.

"Nevertheless, teachers are often the unsung heroes of education, who often deal with adversity on a daily basis", says Malcolm Mooi, founder of online professional learning community Zibuzi.net. "World Teacher's Day (5 October), is a rare opportunity to celebrate these essential members of our communities."

A good teacher has the potential to improve the lives of their students. A great teacher has the potential to change their lives.

Investigating officer Sgt Matlhomola Mokodutlo. (Photo: SAPS NW)



## 3 x Life for rapist

**BONUS - RUSTENBURG** - the Mogwase Regional Court handed down three life sentences to a 45-year-old man found guilty of a number of rapes.

The man was already serving a sentence of 25 years imprisonment meted out to him in 2017 for the rape of a teenage girl, 15 years for armed robbery and five years for the illegal possession of firearm and ammunition.

The accused, who was 37 during the commission of the crimes, robbed and raped victims between March 2012 and October 2017 at the rural village of Mabeskraal, just outside Sun City.

He was arrested after raping the minor during a house robbery and subsequently found guilty on charges of armed robbery, rape and

illegal possession of firearm and ammunition. While serving his imprisonment sentences, the investigating officer, Sgt Morgan Matlhomola Mokodutlo of the Bojanala 2 District Trio Task Team, continued with investigations, linking the accused to three previous housebreaking and rape cases. In the first incident, a 35-year-old woman was sleeping in her house in March 2012, when the accused overpowered, threatened her with a knife and

raped her. His second victim was a 56-year-old woman. He attacked her also in March 2012. She was taken to various places including the accused's residence where she was threatened and repeatedly raped. His third victim was a 25-year-old woman whom he attacked in July 2013.

All the sentences will run concurrently.

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# Rustenburg kicks-off Transport Month Activations



Executive Mayor of RLM Cllr Mpho Khunou during his keynote address.

**BONUS - RUSTENBURG** - On Friday (2 October) the Rustenburg Local Municipality, led by Executive Mayor Cllr Mpho Khunou kicked off the transport month activities in the city.

The Mayor was accompanied by the Municipal Manager, Victor Makona, Council Speaker, Cllr Sheila Mabale-Huma and members of the Mayoral Committee for Public Safety, Roads and Transport, Intergovernmental Relations and Special Projects, Community Development and the Corporate Support Services.

In his address the Executive Mayor said as government, talk on transport safety should never end.

"We have gathered here today, to officially kick-start month long activities set to focus on the transportation sector.

In doing so we need to be cognizant of the role of the sector in growing the economy and the convenience which we continue to receive as users. Above all road safety is a joint responsibility between government through its law enforcement agencies and the community. We need to be responsible and ensure that as users our conduct promotes safety and saving of lives," mayor Khunou concluded.

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"The Run Your City Series has enjoyed tremendous growth since the inception of the inaugural event, the FNB Cape Town 12K CITYRUN in 2015," says Michael Meyer, Managing Director of Stillwater Sports. "The Cape Town race was such a resounding success that it quickly expanded into a series, launching in Johannesburg in 2016, Durban in 2017 and Maputo in 2019. This year we went one step further by entering the 'virtual realm' with the introduction of the very exciting Run Your City Series Heritage Day Virtual Run. FNB has been with us every step of the way. It has been an absolute pleasure working with such a dedicated team. FNB has been an excellent title sponsor and we thank them for their contribution."

Meyer continued, "We are very excited by what the future holds and look forward to taking the Run Your City Series to the next level. We have a series of innovative changes and event enhancements, that will see our current and new sponsors be part of a series of events that is stronger than ever before. I have no doubt that 2021 is going to be a spectacular year for the Run Your City Series. South Africans want to exercise, and they want to socialize, and this series combines the best of both."

In conclusion Meyer added, "We want to thank our sponsors, suppliers and runners who have supported us through this extraordinary year, with a view to hosting the greatest Run Your City Series in 2021. We look forward to seeing the entire running community on the start line of the 2021 Run Your City Series!"

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