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CHOLERA SCARE

Rivers contaminated, Stay Alert!

Thabazimbi – Reports of cholera in the Crocodile River in Thabazimbi and the Ngwaritsi River in Mogalakwena have been gaining momentum on social media, leaving everyone in the affected areas on high alert to the possibility of a cholera outbreak.

The World Health Organisation defines cholera as an acute diarrhoeal infection caused by ingestion of food or water contaminated with the bacterium *Vibrio cholerae*. Generally speaking, cholera is caused by the consumption of food or water which is contaminated by human excrement.

Platinum Bushvelder reached out to the Thabazimbi Local Municipality (TLM) on Monday 26 June 2023 for official comment and received the following response: "TLM has received notification from the Department of Health relating to the cholera concerns. The notice states that the Crocodile and Ngwaritsi Rivers have tested positive for vibrio cholera.

As the municipality we have had NO cases of cholera reported from our residents. Secondly, we are NOT supplying water from the river. None of our water sources are connected to the river. The municipal water is free from cholera. We appeal to community members staying close to the Crocodile River to refrain from drinking and using the water from the river." *Platinum Bushvelder* also contacted the Department of Health for comment, but at the time of going to print we had received no official response.

What is perhaps reassuring at this time, is that no cases of cholera have been reported. "No cholera cases have been recorded at the hospital," said Thabazimbi Provincial Hospital assistant director of communications Nkhensani Makuabau on 28 June.

Although cholera can be life threatening, it is important to note that cholera is manageable.

How do I prevent myself from contracting cholera?

- Drink and use safe water; boil your water before consumption, or use bottled water to brush your teeth, wash and prepare food, and make ice or beverages.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap, especially before preparing food.
- Use designated ablution areas.

What are the most common symptoms of cholera?

Watery diarrhea, nausea and vomiting, thirst/dehydration, leg cramps, and restlessness/irritability. Shock and seizures may occur in rare and severe cases. It is estimated that only one in ten people infected present severe symptoms.

How is cholera treated?

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WARNS OF TENDER

SCAM

Thabazimbi - The public is hereby warned on the tender scam by a certain individual called “Motloung” claiming to be one of our officials from our finance department. The individual requests money from the people using these numbers: 063 147 1950 and 072 391 0684. The scammers are also using emails to scam service providers. We don’t have a person named “Motloung” in our municipality especially in our finance section. The public should note that no official from our municipality will call them to discuss any tender related matters. TLM has absolutely nothing to do with all this, as it is a scam. We want to urge community members and service providers to be vigilant about such matters. They must know that tenders are not for sale, anyone who comes with such intentions should immediately be reported to the police. **Issued by the TLM communications unit, 23 June 2023.**

ONGOING FAULTY METER ISSUES

Thabazimbi – Faulty electricity meter reports from various businesses and residences in Thabazimbi have been ongoing. The reported faulty meter problems include non-functional keypads, keypads which slowly load the token digits—only to at the end not read the token—non-functional meter numbers (the meter doesn’t register the token with the meter number), and some meters don’t display the current units loaded. According to information received, meter issues in Thabazimbi have progressively been getting worse over the past three years. *Platinum Bushvelder* reached out to Thabazimbi Local Municipality (TLM) for comment on Monday 12 June 2023 and received the following response: “As the municipality, we can confirm that there was an unplanned power outage around Park Avenue and 10th Avenue due to a damaged bundle conductor. TLM technicians managed to repair and resolve the matter. On all keypads there are instructions on how to load electricity tokens.

Anyone who has challenges in loading tokens can be assisted by our customer care officers. For all electricity related queries, the customer care standby number is 083 703 2804 and is available for 24/7. Residents must come to the municipality if they have issues related to service delivery for assistance or contact the ward councillor.” However, by 20 June it was clear that faulty meter issues were still at large. “We’ve been waiting for more than two weeks for our power to be loaded. All the right steps have been taken, what’s going on?” said Thabazimbi resident Jacques Kies. *Platinum Bushvelder* reiterated the matter to TLM on 21 June and received the following response from TLM: “At the moment the municipality has a few keypads available. Customers are encouraged to visit the Electrical Services Department for keypad related queries and bring along their old keypads for replacement. Please note that KY123 keypads are being replaced for free whereas the KY124 keypads are charged at R1584,70.”

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The Way of Wisdom [verse 1-5]

9 Wisdom has built her house, She has hewn out her seven pillars;
2 She has slaughtered her meat, She has mixed her wine, She has also furnished her table.
3 She has sent out her maidens, She cries out from the highest places of the city,
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ELDERLY WOMAN HELD AT GUNPOINT IN HER HOME

Thabazimbi – On Saturday morning 24 June 2023 between 04:00 and 05:00 two men forced entry into a residence on Sage Place. The robbers managed to open the kitchen window after they opened the burglar bars with a pipe wrench. The occupant, a 66-year-old lady, was startled awake when her bedroom’s light was switched on. One of the two men was armed with a gun and instructed her to “cooperate or die”. The elderly lady was then asked to show them to the location of the safe and demanded for her to give them her “guns and money” which the lady did not possess. The robbers then bound her hands with ski pants and covered her face. The distressed woman began to sing to God whereupon she was instructed to “shut up”. Her house was plundered by the perpetrators who stole her cellphone, laptop, tablet, clothes, shoes, jewellery, all of her keys, and her car. The family has filed a case of armed robbery, and Thabazimbi residents are urged to be alert as no hour of the day is safe.

APPLICATION IN TERMS OF CLAUSE 25 OF THE THABAZIMBI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY LAND USE SCHEME, 2014, READ TOGETHER SECTION 16(3) OF THE THABAZIMBI LAND USE MANAGEMENT BY-LAW, 2015 IN ORDER TO OBTAIN SPECIAL CONSENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF A GUESTHOUSE AT ERF 239 EXTENSION 2 OPPAL STREET, NORTHAM UNDER THABAZIMBI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY.

Pro Vision Planning Consultants (PTY)Ltd, being the authorized agent of the owner of Erf 239 Extension 2 Oppal Street, Northam hereby give notice in terms of clause 25 of the Thabazimbi Local Municipality Land Use Scheme, 2014, read together section 16(3) of the Thabazimbi Land Use Management By-Law, 2015 in order to obtain special consent for the purpose of a guesthouse that we have applied to the Thabazimbi Local Municipality. Documents pertaining to the application will lie for inspection during office working hours at the office of the Director of Planning and Development, Thabazimbi Local Municipality for a period of 28 days from 23 June 2023. Objections to or representations in respect of the application must be lodged with or made in writing to the Municipal Manager at the below address or Private Bag X530, Thabazimbi 0380, within the period of 28 days from 23 June 2023. Address of applicant: Corner of Lever and 13th Road, San Ridge Square, Noordwyk, Midrand, 1687 Cell: 078 928 0722/ 078 260 357

TSEBISO YA MMASIPALA WA LEHALA WA THABAZIMBI BAKENG SA HO KENYA KOPO E KHETHEHILENG YA TUMELLO HO YA KA MELAO KAROLO YA 25 YA PERO EA SEBAKA LE TSHEBETSO EA SEBAKA LE HO SEBELISA LITŠOA 2014 EA HO FUMANA TUMELO EA HO AGA GUESTM HO LEKENG E SALE TSA POSI ERF 239 EXTENSION 2 OPPAL STREET, NORTHAM

Pro Vision Planning Consultants (PTY)Ltd, e leng moemeli ea lumeletsoeng ke mong'a Polasi erf 239 extension 2 Oppal Street, Northam o fana ka tsebiso ho latela temana ea Thabazimbi Spatial Planning and Land Use Management By-Law 2015 e le hore re fumane tumello ea ho aha Guesthouse Karolong e Saletseng ea Erf 239 Extension 2 Oppal Street, Northam, eo re e entseng kopo ho Masepala oa Lehae oa Thabazimbi. Litokomane tse amanang le kopo li tla hlalohoa nakong ea lihora tsa mosebetsi ofising ea Motsamaisi oa Meralo le Ntlatfatsong, Masepala oa Lehae oa Taung nako ea matsatsi a 28. Khanyetso kapa boemeli mabapi le kopo e tlameha ho kengoa. ka kapa ho ngolla Motsamaisi oa Masepala atereseng e ka nakong ea matsatsi a 28 otswa 23 June 2023. Aterese ea mokopi: Corner of Lever le 13th Road, San Ridge Square, Noordwyk, Midrand, 1687 Cell: 078 928 0722/ 078 260 357

Matlabas Plaaswag informs of fire hazard season

Thabazimbi – The official fire hazard season for Thabazimbi and surrounding areas took effect on Thursday 1 June 2023. Therefore, no further controlled burns are allowed to be made without prior permission. The rain season yielded excellent rainfall and the grass was able to grow to a substantial height. The added vegetation creates extra fuel for fires, which means that the risk of fires is of great concern.

The Matlabas Plaaswag advises the following:

1. Get approval from the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) on modipadmin@dalrrd.gov.za.
2. Within ample time inform the Thabazimbi Fire Protection Association (TFPA) on 078 252 4076.
3. Report any planned or unplanned fires to relevant groups.
4. Always give accurate location information of planned or reported fires.
5. Ensure all necessary equipment is in working condition and well maintained.
6. Remember that fires pose a serious threat to your person – wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) such as fire-retardant clothing, gloves, and safety shoes.

Founder of Matlabas Plaaswag, Pieter Lamprecht, says: “Please ensure that you have two-way radios tuned into the correct channels for your area and that your equipment is in good working condition—It is the most effective and certain method of protection you need as a farm owner. Train your people to be able to properly utilise all necessary equipment.”

The end of the fire hazard season will be determined after a minimum rainfall of 30 mm has been recorded in Thabazimbi and surrounding areas.

NOTIFICATION OF LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS TO THE THABAZIMBI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY INTERMS OF THE SPATIAL PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT ACT, 2013 (ACT 16 OF 2013) AS READ WITH SECTION 16(1) OF THE THABAZIMBI LAND USE MANAGEMENT BYLAW, 2015:

I, Mari Joubert trading as Urban Edge Town Planners, being the authorized agent of the owners of the below properties hereby give notice in terms of Clause 25(i) of the Thabazimbi Land Use Scheme, 2014 read with Section 16(3) of the Thabazimbi Land Use Management By-law, 2015, that application have been made to the Thabazimbi Municipality for consent to permit a special use for the purpose of a private vehicle test station on Portion 53 of Erf 1079, Thabazimbi Extension 6 located along 13th Avenue, Thabazimbi (24°35'23.7"S 27°24'43.7"E). Particulars of the applications will lie for inspection during normal office hours at the office of the Municipal Manager, Thabazimbi Municipality, 7 Rietbok Street, Thabazimbi for a period of 28 days from first date of publication. Objections to or representations in respect of the application must be lodged with or made in writing to the Municipal Manager, Thabazimbi Municipality, at the above-mentioned address or at Private Bag X530, Thabazimbi, 0380 within a period of 28 days from the first date of publication.

Dates of publication: 30 June 2023 & 7 July 2023

ADDRESS OF AGENT: URBAN EDGE TOWN PLANNERS, P.O. BOX 1881, THABAZIMBI, 0380

TEL: 065 735 2031

KENNISGEWING VAN GRONDONTWIKKELING AANSOEKE AAN DIE THABAZIMBI PLAASLIKE MUNISIPALITEIT IN TERME VAN DIE WET OP RUIMTELIKE BEPLANNING EN GRONDGEBRUIKBESTUUR, 2013 (WET 16 VAN 2013) GELEES MET ARTIKEL 16(1) EN VAN DIE THABAZIMBI GRONDGEBRUIKBESTUUR BYWET, 2015:

Ek, Mari Joubert, handeldrywend as Urban Edge Stadsbeplanners, synde die gemagtigde agent van die eienaar van die ondergemelde eiendomme gee hiermee kennis ingevolge Klousule 25(i) van die Thabazimbi Grondgebruikskema, 2014 gelees met Artikel 16(3) van die Thabazimbi Grondgebruikbestuur verordening, 2015, dat aansoek ingedien is by die Thabazimbi Munisipaliteit vir vergunning van 'n spesiale gebruik vir die doeleinde van 'n privaat motor toetsstasie op Gedeelte 53 van Erf 1079 Thabazimbi Uitbreiding 6 geleë te Dertiende Laan, Thabazimbi (24°35'23.7"S 27°24'43.7"E). Besonderhede van die aansoek lê ter insae gedurende gewone kantoorure by die kantoor van die Munisipale Bestuurder, Thabazimbi Munisipaliteit, Rietbokstraat 7, Thabazimbi vir 'n tydperk van 28 dae vanaf eerste datum van publikasie. Besware teen of verhoë ten opsigte van die aansoek moet skriftelik by die Munisipale Bestuurder, Thabazimbi Munisipaliteit, by bovermelde adres ingedien of gerig word, of by Privaatsak X530, Thabazimbi, 0380 binne 'n tydperk van 28 dae vanaf die eertste datum van publikasie.

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MUNICIPAL NOTICE RESOLUTION ON LEVYING PROPERTY RATES IN TERMS OF SECTION 14 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT: MUNICIPAL PROPERTY RATES ACT, 2004. (ACT NO. 6 of 2004). NO: 15 of 2023

RESOLUTION LEVYING PROPERTY RATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1 JULY 2023 TO 30 JUNE 2024

Notice is hereby given in terms of section 14(1) and (2) of the Local Government: Municipal Property Rates Act, 2004; that the Council resolved by way of council resolution number **CR 01/ 30/05/2023**, to levy the rates on property reflected in the schedule below with effect from 1 July 2023

Category of property	Cent amount in the Rand determined for the relevant property category
Residential property	0.0086
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Full details of the Council resolution and rebates, reductions and exclusions specific to each category of owners of properties or owners of a specific category of properties as determined through criteria in the municipality's rates policy are available for inspection on the municipality's offices, website (www.thabazimbimunicipality.gov.za) and all public libraries.

MR LG TLOUBATLA
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

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7 Rietbok Street, Thabazimbi, 0380

Notice No.30/2023
Date 15-06-23

Ons rugga manne beïndruk!

Thabazimbi – Vyf van Hoërskool Frikkie Meyer (HFM) se o/16 rugby manne het tydens die *Grant Khomo* week by Boland Landbouskool Paarl hul staal gewys. Die span, South Western Districts, het Griffons gewen met 'n telling van 20-17! Welgedaan HFM manne! Die *Grant Khomo* reeks wat van 26-29 Junie 2023 plaasgevind het, belooft om top spelers op te lewer.



Van links: Anzio Swartbooi, Thapelo Monyane, Johnny Barnard, Lourens Pieterse en Kgosi Leteane.

Frikkies gee bottels vol hoop in die winter



Frikkies se suksesvolle Winterhoop projek.

Thabazimbi - Winterhoop is Hoërskool Frikkie Meyer se manier om swaarkry in die gemeenskap te help verlig. Hierdie jaar kon hulle oor die 300 opgemaakte maaltye in die vorm van glasbottels vol blikkieskos, soppe, en rys insamel—waar elke bottel 'n ete kan gee vir 'n familie van vier! Bo en behalwe die Frkkies, is die projek moontlik gemaak te danke aan die volgende borge:

- Eagle Mountain Spur Thabazimbi
- Zara Fernandes (Mej. Thabazimbi junior finalis)
- Gerda Smit (Zonneblom-tak voorsitter van die Vroue Landbou Unie)

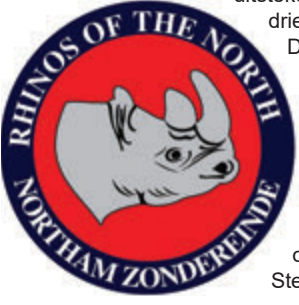
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Rhinos maak vat die veld!

Setaria - Die Northam Rhinos het verlede Saterdag 24 Junie 2023 weer 'n vyftigtal teen Centurion aangeteken maar kon eers teen die einde die oorwinning verseker. Die Rhinos se eerstespan het 52-36 geseëvier nadat die telling kort voor die einde net 38-36 in hulle guns was. Die Rhinos tweedespan neem 'n 48-20 wen, en die derdespan eindig sterk met 64-0.

Die nuweling Anthony Buys was uitstekend en was aangekondig as speler van die wedstryd. Warren Williams en Kwezi Mkhafu het albei weer 'n tweekuns aangeteken. Dylan Weideman was uitstekend en het ook 'n drie gedruk.

Die Rhinos speel hierdie Saterdag 1 Julie teen die Naka Bulle te Pretoria. Die stryd sal twee top vegters van die Carlton-beker op die veld sien. Sterkte manne!



WOLVERINES WIN A GRIZZLY BATTLE



Northam – The Northam Wolverines had their work cut out in their match against Tuine Grizzlies on Saturday 24 June 2023. The visitors put up a good fight, but the home team had the last smile in the finish.

The Wolverines first team scored 45-28, second team 33-10, and third 10-34. The new kid on the block is another important log point closer to a spot in the Carlton Cup play-offs. Watch the Wolverines in action in an away match on 1 July against Betaway Centurion.

Hoërskool Frikkie Meyer sluit die kwartaal prettig af met hul kaskardag!

Thabazimbi - Hoërskool Frikkie Meyer het 'n droom 'n realiteit gemaak met behulp van ouers, leerders, en HFM personeel gedurende hul kaskardag op Donderdag 22 Junie 2023. "Ons wou lankal 'n kaskardag hou en hierdie jaar het alles net in plek geval met wonderlike ouers, leerders, en onderwysers wat die dag 'n sukses gemaak het," vertel Graad 10 graadhoof en fondsinsameling-organiseerder Chrisna Els. Kinders van alle grade, ouers, en onderwysers het hope pret gehad en leerders het hulle bene stompies afgehardloop na die wenstreep toe. Op die ou end het die Graad 11 *Red Bull* span vierke gekry en as algehele eersteplekweners die trofee geneem. Die Graad 12 *Flintstones* vat algehele tweede, en Graad 10 *Pac-Man* derde!

Inskrywingsfooie vir die wedren, kos-stalletjies was geborg was deur ouers, het gedien om fondse in te samel wat terug in die skool geploeg sal word. HFM skoolhoof Collin Campbell het die dag afgesluit met 'n spesiale gebed en danke gegee aan elke kind, ouer, en onderwyser wat die dag moontlik gemaak het.



Graad 12 Flintstones, Amy-Leigh Pretorius, Jacques Kotze in kaskar, en Lene Lategan



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NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT APPLICATION

THE PROPOSED DWAALBOOM SOLAR 1, 2 AND 3 PHOTOVOLTAIC SOLAR ENERGY FACILITIES, ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AND GRID CONNECTION NEAR NORTHAM, LIMPOPO PROVINCE

Notice is given, in terms of the 2014 EIA regulations (as amended in 2017) published in Government Notice No. R326 under Section 24(5) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act (Act No. 107 of 1998), of the intent to lodge an Application for Environmental Authorisation and the undertaking of a Scoping and Environmental Impact Assessment Process (i.t.o. Listing Notice 1, 2 and 3 – G.N. R327, 325 & 324) for the following activity:
Project title: The Proposed Dwaalboom Solar 1, 2 and 3 Photovoltaic Solar Energy Facilities and Associated Infrastructure near Northam, Limpopo Province; and, The Proposed Dwaalboom Solar Grid Infrastructure Project near Northam, Limpopo Province.

Project description: The development of a cluster of three (03) Photovoltaic Solar Energy Facilities (SEF) and associated infrastructure (on-site substation, Battery Energy Storage Solution (BESS), internal and perimeter access roads, operational and management buildings, temporary and permanent laydown areas, etc.). Each solar cluster will have a generation capacity as follows: Dwaalboom Solar 1 (Pty) Ltd up to 200 MW; Dwaalboom Solar 2 (Pty) Ltd up to 240 MW and Dwaalboom Solar 3 (Pty) Ltd up to 180 MW. Energy generated by the Dwaalboom Solar facilities will be evacuated into the National grid. The grid infrastructure entails the assessment of a 100 m wide grid corridor with a length of up to 15 km.

Project location: Dwaalboom Solar 1 (Pty) Ltd is located on Portions 5 and 6 of the Farm Einde No. 420 with an EIA footprint of approximately 380 ha. Dwaalboom Solar 2 (Pty) is located on Portion 1 of Farm Einde No. 420 with an EIA footprint of approximately 477 ha. Dwaalboom Solar 3 (Pty) Ltd is located the Remaining Extent of Farm Koedoesdoorn No. 414 within an EIA footprint of approximately 355 ha. The Dwaalboom Solar Cluster is located within the Thabazimbi Local Municipality, Waterberg District. The town of Northam is located approximately 3 - 5 km west of the proposed SEF's.

Applicant: Dwaalboom Solar 1 (Pty) Ltd; Dwaalboom Solar 2 (Pty) Ltd; and Dwaalboom Solar 3 (Pty) Ltd

The Application for Environmental Authorisation will be submitted to the National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE). In order to ensure that you are identified as an Interested and/or Affected Party (I&AP), please submit your name, contact information and interest in the project, in writing, to the contact details provided below within 30-days of publication of this advertisement. You will be notified once any draft documents are available for review and comment.

Consultant: Blue Crane Environmental
Roschel Maharaj | **Cell:** 063 062 7725
E-mail: dwaalboom@bcrane.co.za



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The Thabazimbi Archery Club aims to hit the mark!



Front from left: Thabazimbi Archery Club archers Mardus Ras, Maya Broekhuizen, Mathilda Broekhuizen, Chris Welgemoed, and Jaco van Vuuren. Back from left: Archers HJ Swanepoel, Gary Bauer, and team manager Gert Snyman.

Thabazimbi - South Africa boasts a 35 strong squad who will compete in the African Regional Field Archery Competition (ARFAC) 2023 in Windhoek. This bi-yearly competition is held over three days with African countries competing in good spirits. The Thabazimbi Archery Club is proud of its nine team members who will represent the club in Windhoek from Friday 30 June to Sunday 2 July 2023.

ARFAC will also serve as a great opportunity where Botswana, Zambia, South Africa, and the host country, Namibia, will be competing in preparation for the 2024 World Field Archery event which will be hosted in Brazil.

Some archers will be flying in, while others are planning a much-needed safari trip, winding between Thabazimbi and the scenic Namibia. The nine team members are, team manager Gert Snyman, Chris Welgemoed, Gary Bauer, Jaco van Vuuren, HJ Swanepoel, Mathilda Broekhuizen, Maya Broekhuizen, Mardus Ras, and Marné Furstenburg.

Six of the Thabazimbi Archery Club's team members have received their Protea accolades, which is the highest recognition for sporting achievements. Attaining Protea accolades is a two-year journey where an athlete must prove his/her worth by competing numerous times in local competitions. Athletes must attain a certain level of achievement in their class as set out by the South African International Federation Archery Association (SANIFAA) and the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC) rules—a great achievement for archers and their families!

Archery is a lifestyle and mindset of discipline and motivation. Each arrow displays your mental awareness and physical ability. This is a great year for archery with the World Indoor series, which was held in London, UK in February 2023, and the ARFAC 2023. Sponsors, family members, and friends are thanked for their unwavering support. The team hopes to bring home medals in all categories, and to report a successful Thabazimbi invasion of Windhoek! The Thabazimbi Archery Club will be open every Tuesday evening during the school holidays. Time: 17:45, with the first arrows to be released at 18:00. Come and join us; you are never too old to 'suck' at something new!

Have your say / Sê jou sê

Do you swallow your gum?

When it comes to swallowing gum, some of us have probably heard a couple of old wives' tales; maybe your gran mentioned many moons ago that swallowed gum would get stuck in your intestines, or perhaps you've heard the myth that swallowed gum will stay in your system for seven years. Although these tales have no validation, do you swallow your gum?



No, I don't like to swallow my gum because it is unhealthy.

Primrose Phiri



No, I don't even chew gum. As a child I used to chew gum, but I quickly tired of it and spat it out.

Cilliers Miller



No, as a kid, I was told it would stay in my stomach for seven years, amazing how those stories stick with you.

Aubrey Senyolo

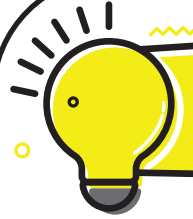
POLL

Would you tell someone if you saw a piece of food stuck in their teeth?

Most of us have probably found ourselves in that awkward situation where we notice a piece of food stuck in someone's teeth. While some of us are weary to mention anything for the fear of embarrassing the other person, others have no problem when it comes to pointing out that evident little piece of spinach which has wedged itself in between a friend's teeth. Would you point out the problem, or rather keep quiet? Make yourself heard by sending an email to news@platinumbushvelder.co.za or send us a WhatsApp on 081 579 7000 with the following information before 17:00 on Monday 3 July 2023.

- Yes, I have no problem pointing it out.
- No, I wouldn't.
- The reason for your answer.
- A recent photo of yourself—so that we can publish your pic with your answer.
- Your contact details.
- Please indicate in which town/ city you reside.

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YOUR FRIDAY FUN FACT

Did you know?

In 1897 dentist William Morrison partnered with candy-maker John C. Wharton to develop the cotton candy machine. It's not known whether William Morrison had an ulterior motive for inventing the soft confection, but the dentist no doubt helped ensure others in his profession continued drawing in plenty of customers.

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Do you swallow your gum? **NO 84% YES 16%**