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SERIOUS FLOOD WARNING!

Stay alert. Stay safe. Help where you can!

19 February 2025: The Thabazimbi region is in crisis as relentless rains have caused catastrophic flooding along the Crocodile River and surrounding low-lying areas. Roads are impassable, rescues are ongoing, and emergency teams are stretched to their limits. The situation is changing rapidly, and authorities urge residents to take immediate precautions.

FLOODING INYEARS

Rescuers save families, more in danger

Immediate dangers

- Bridges swept away, including Beetstekraal Bridge.
- A child was swept away by the floodwaters, but rescue teams rescued the child and multiple people had to be escued from roofto
- rose dangerously high. Entire families, including a three-monthold baby, have been saved from rising waters.
- Dwaalboom remains the most critical
- area, with multiple rescues underway.
 Helicopters deployed to assist emergency services and transport medical personnel.
- Emergency teams responding to distress calls in Rooibokkraal and Elandskuilbrug.
- **Road closures**
- R510 between Thabazimbi and Northam
- D1235 (Brits road from Northam)
- Low-water bridges to Tumela Mine Multiple rural roads flooded, leaving some communities cut off.

- Urgent safety measures

 >> Move to higher ground immediately.

 >> Pack emergency bags for possible evacuation.

 >> Do NOT attempt to cross flooded roads water levels are
- unpredictable and stronger than they appear!
- Check the 2,000 flood line and prepare accordingly.
- hare information about im ble roads with rescue teams to improve response efforts.

Emergency response
Sadly, one life was lost. At the time of going to print, no further details were available. Authorities are prioritising life-threatening situations, with helicopters flying in medical teams to inaccessible areas. Rescuers have already conducted 25 aviation rescues and 6 ground rescues on 19 February, and additional teams are being deployed to hardhit zones. The biggest concern remains Dwaalboom, where floodwaters continue to rise.

A salute to our heroes

To Thaba Fire & Rescue, Matlabas, EMS teams, local mine rescue squads, and volunteers—your courage is saving lives. We thank you. Your tireless efforts, in the midst of chaos, are making all the difference.



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NOTICE FOR THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR THE BASIC ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR THE THABAZIMBI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY: LICENSING AND DEVELOPMENT OF LANDFILL ENGINEERING DESIGNS.

Notice is hereby given in terms of Regulations published in Government Notice R. 982, Government Gazette No. 38282 of 04 December 2014, as amended by GN R326 under sections 24(5) and 44, of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No.107 of 1998), that the Thabazimbi Local Municipality proposed the Licensing and Development of Landfill Engineering Designs. The project will involve expansion of the exiting landfill site, and will trigger activity listed in EIA listing notice.

In order to obtain the required Environmental Authorisation, a Basic Assessment Process must be undertaken in terms of the EIA Regulations, 2014 (as amended in 2017). This notice is for the Public to Know about the Basic Assessment, which will be conducted to ensure that all the environmental impacts that may be associated with the proposed project are taken into consideration. Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) have an opportunity to comment by providing issues of concern and/or suggestions for enhanced benefits and/ or alternatives on the Draft BAR and to ensure that the competent authority, the Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism Limpopo (LEDET), has sufficient information to make a decision.

Mamadi & Company SA (Pty) Ltd has been appointed as the Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner to conduct the Basic Assessment Process for this project. You are invited to register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP).

The public participation period for this project will run from 25 February 2025 to 26 March 2025 (30 days). The table below outlines the public meeting that will occur within the area:

Thaba Park Hall	25 February 2025	10H00		
Background Information Docu	ment (BID) and Comment a	nd Registration	Shee	

requested from the EAP . The BAR report will be made available at all Thabazimbi municipal libraries. If you wish to register as an I&AP and submit your comments and queries, please contact: Given Nkosi at cell: 061 4767 868; E-mail: Given@mamadi.co.za. The Draft Report will be also made available electronically upon request.



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NOTIFICATION OF LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS TO THE THABAZIMBI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY IN TERMS 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 registered owners of the below mentioned properties hereby give notice in terms of Section 16(1)(e) of the Thabazimbi Land Use Management By-law, 2015 read with the Thabazimbi Land Use Scheme, 2014, that application have been made to the Thabazimbi Local Municipality in

- i. Section 16(12)(a)(iii) of the Thabazimbi Land Use Management By-law, 2015 read together with the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013 for the consolidation of Portion 22 and the Remainder of the farm Koedoesdoorns 414KQ and the subsequent subdivision into three portions and the registration of right of way servitude. The property is located within the jurisdiction of the Thabazimbi Local Municipality (TLM) approximately 4 km north west of Northam , at the following GPS Coordinates: 24°55'33.8"S 27°16'44.3"E
- Section 16(1)(a)(i) of the Thabazimbi Land Use Management By-law, 2015 read together with the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013 to rezone Portion 1 of the farm Zwartwitpensbokfontein 434KQ (amendment scheme number 152, annexure number 055) from "Agriculture" to "Special" for a Solar Farm. The property is located within the jurisdiction of the Thabazimbi Local Municipality (TLM) 17 km east of Northam at the following GPS Coordinates: 24°56'43.38"S 27°26'27.89"E
- iii. Clause 25(i) of the Thabazimbi Land Use Management Scheme, 2014 read with Section 16(3) of the Thabazimbi Land Use Management By-law, 2015 that application have been made to permit a special use for the purpose of a guest house on Portion 4 of Erf 3, Thabazimbi Township located at 9 Koedoe Street.

Particulars of the application 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 30 days from the first placement of this notice. 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 30 days from the first placement of this notice. | Dates of publication: 14/02/2025 & 21/02/2025 | DETAILS OF AGENT: URBAN EDGE TOWN PLANNERS, TEL: 065 735 2031

KENNISGEWING VAN GRONDONTWIKKELINGSAANSOEKE 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 geregistreerde eienaars van ondergemelde eiendomme gee hiermee kennis ingevolge Artikel 16(1)(e) van die Thabazimbi Grondgebruikbestuur Bywet, 2015 gelees met die Thabazimbi Grondgebruikskema, 2014, dat aansoek geloots is by die Thabazimbi Plaaslike

- i. Artikel 16(12)(a)(ii) van die Thabazimbi Grondgebruikbestuur Bywet, 2015 gelees met die Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruik Bestuurswet, 2013 vir die konsolidasie van Gedeelte 22 en die Restant van die plaas Koedoesdoorns 414KQ, die heronderverdeling in 3 gedeeltes en die registrasie van in Reg van Weg servituut. Die eiendom is geleë binne die jurisdiksie van die Thabazimbi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit (TLM) 4 km noordwes van Northam, by die volgende GPSkoördinate: 24°55'33.8"S 27° 16'44.3"E
- ii. Artikel 16(1)(a)(i) van die Thabazimbi Grondgebruikbestuur Bywet, 2015 gelees met die Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruik Bestuurswet, 2013 vir die hersonering van Gedeelte 1 van die plaas Zwartwitpensbokfontein 434KQ vanaf "Landbou" na "Spesiaal" vr 'n Sonplaas. Die eiendom is geleë binne die jurisdiksie van die Thabazimbi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit (TLM) 17 km oos vanaf Northam by die volgene GPS-koördinate: 24°56'43.38"S 27°26'27.89"E
- iii. Klousule 25(i) van die Thabazimbi Grondgebruikbestuurskema, 2014 gelees met Artikel 16(3) van die Thabazimbi Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruik Bywet, 2015 dat aansoek ingedien is by die Thabazimbi Munisipaliteit vir vergunning van 'n spesiale gbruik vir die doeleinde van 'n gastehuis op Gedeelte 4 van Erf 3 Thabazimbi geleë te Koedoestraat. 9.

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 30 dae vanaf die eerste plasing van hierdie kennisgewing. Besware teen of vertoë 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 30 dae vanaf die eerste plasing van hierdie kennisgewing. | Datums van publikasie: 14/02/2025 & 21/02/2025 | BESONDERHEDE VAN AGENT: URBAN EDGE TOWN PLANNERS, TEL: 065 735 2031

Paid for a license, got nothing a reader's anger [letter to the editor]

Northam – I am writing as a very upset reader regarding the To the cop who scammed me: article in last week's Platinum Bushvelder about the recent driving license fraud crackdown. According to your article, multiple people were arrested during the

operation conducted by the Hawks and the Road Traffic Management Corporation in Limpopo on 10 February 2025. I live in Northam, and I have firsthand experience with this corruption. I paid a Northam police officer R2,000 to obtain a driver's license for my mother. He took the money, promised the license, and then disappeared never delivering what I had paid for.

- · I sincerely hope you are among the ones arrested.
- I know I will likely never get my money back, but I still hope I do.
- Every time people visit traffic offices, officials sit around filing their nails, eating food, and making everyone wait in long, unnecessary queues. You do your absolute best to be the least efficient workers in the country. And when we try to follow the system properly, we get nowhere forcing us to resort to bribes. But even after paying, we still don't receive what we were promised.

Anonymous, Northam

Blitsvinnige Frikkies breek rekords en skitter op die baan!



Thabazimbi - Hoërskool Frikkie Meyer se atlete het op Vrydag 14 Februarie by Hoërskool Hartebeespoort atletiekbveenkoms hul merk gelaat met indrukwekkende vertonings teen strawwe mededinging van Hoërskool Pretoria Noord, Hoërskool Brits en Uitsig High School. Een van die grootste hoogtepunte van die dag was Echardt Kuhl fenomenale vertoning in die 200m vir seuns o.15, waar hy 'n nuwe rekord opgestel het. Sy spoed en tegniek het hom in 'n klas van sy eie geplaas en hom as een van die bveenkoms se toppresteerders laat uitstaan. Verskeie ander Meyer-atlete het ook hul staal

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- Anrich Fourie (gewigstoot)
- Lourens Pieterse (gewigstoot en diskus)
- Mare Pieterse (diskus)

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Landdros, Thabazimbi en die Meester van die Hoë Hof, Polokwane

Geteken te Bloemfontein op hierdie 3de dag van Februarie 2025

vir 'n tydperk van 21 dae vanaf 21 Februarie 2025.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR THE SUBDIVISION OF THE REMAINING EXTENT OF PORTION 4 OF THE FARM DWAALBOOM, 217-KP, LIMPOPO PROVINCE, SITUATED IN THE JURISDICTION OF THE THABAZIMBI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, LIMPOPO PROVINCE IN TERMS OF SECTION 16(12)(A)(III) OF THE THABAZIMBI LAND USE MANAGEMENT BY-LAW, 2015 READ TOGETHER WITH THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE SPATIAL PLANNING AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT ACT, 2013 (ACT 16 OF 2013) (SPLUMA) AND REGULATIONS AS PROMULGATED

I, Izel van Rooy from the firm Plan Wize Town and Regional Planners, being the authorised agent of the owner of the under-mentioned property hereby give notice in terms of Section 16(12)(a)(iii) of the Thabazimbi Land Use Management By-Law, 2015 read with the relevant provisions of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013 (Act 16 of 2013) (SPLUMA), that I have applied to the Thabazimbi Municipality for the sub-division of the Remaining Extent of Portion 4 of the farm Dwaalboom, 217-KP, Limpopo Province.

Particulars of the application will lie for inspection during normal office hours at the office of the Manager: Planning and Economic Development, Thabazimbi Municipality, 7 Rietbok Street, Thabazimbi for a period of 30 days from 21 February

Objections to or representations in respect of the application must be lodged with or made in writing to the Manager: Planning and Economic Development, Thabazimbi Municipality, at the above-mentioned address or at Private Bag X530 Thabazimbi, 0380 within a period of 30 days from 21 February 2025.

ADDRESS OF AGENT: PLAN WIZE TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNERS, P.O. BOX 2445, THABAZIMBI, 0380, TEL: 082 449 7626 E-MAIL: <u>izelvanr@gmail.com</u> REF. NO. T0715

KENNISGEWING VAN AANSOEK OM DIE ONDERVERDELING VAN DIE RESTERENDE GEDEELTE VAN GEDEELTE 4 VAN DIE PLAAS DWAALBOOM, 217-KP, LIMPOPO PROVINSIE GELEË IN DIE REGSGEBIED VAN DIE THABAZIMBI PLAASLIKE MUNISIPALITEIT, LIMPOPO PROVINSIE INGEVOLGE ARTIKEL 16(12)(A)(III) VAN DIE THABAZIMBI GRONDGEBRUIKBESTUUR VERORDENING. 2015 SAAMGELEES MET DIE RELEVANTE BEPALINGS VAN DIE WET OP RUIMTELIKE BEPLANNING EN GRONDGEBRUIKBESTUUR, 2013 (WET 16 VAN 2013) (SPLUMA) EN REGULASIES SOOS GEPROMULGEER

Ek, Izel van Rooy van die firma Plan Wize Stads-en Streekbeplanners, synde die gemagtigde agent van die eienaar van die ondergenoemde eiendom, gee hiermee ingevolge Artikel 16(12)(a)(iii) van die Thabazimbi Grondgebruikbestuur Verordening, 2015, saamgelees met Wet op Ruimtelike Beplanning en Grondgebruikbestuur, 2013 (Wet 16 van 2013) (SPLUMA), kennis dat ek by die Thabazimbi Munisipaliteit aansoek gedoen het vir die onderverdeling van die Resterende Gedeelte van Gedeelte 4 van die plaas Dwaalboom, 217-KP, Limpopo Provinsie.

Besonderhede van die aansoek lê ter insae gedurende gewone kantoorure by die kantoor van die Bestuurder: Beplanning en Ekonomiese Ontwikkeling, Thabazimbi Munisipaliteit, 7 Rietbokstraat, Thabazimbi vir 'n tydperk van 30 dae vanaf 21 Februarie 2025

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DRUG DEALERS CAUGHT, but is Thabazimbi winning the battle?

Thabazimbi - A well-coordinated intelligence led operation between the South African Police Service (SAPS) in Thabazimbi and local farmers in Koedoeskop resulted in a significant drug bust on Thursday, 13 February 2025, around 10:00. Two Zimbabwean nationals, aged 25 and 39, were arrested after law enforcement intercepted their white Scania truck with two trailers packed with a staggering 148.5 kg of dagga.

Police spokesperson, colonel Malesela Ledwaba, confirmed that upon stopping and searching the vehicle, officers discovered 106 small bags of dagga, 10 large bags, and two refuse bags filled with loose dagga. The street value of the seized contraband is estimated at R500.000.

Limpopo provincial commissioner, lieutenant general Thembi Hadebe, has welcomed the arrests, stating that such operations demonstrate SAPS's commitment to dismantling drug networks in the region. The two suspects are expected to appear before the local Magistrate's Court soon on charges of possession and dealing in dagga.



A message from Beverley Spira Kühn, board member, Thabazimbi Homeless Shelter

A drug crisis on our doorstep

While the bust is a victory for law enforcement, it sheds light on a larger, more troubling issue plaguing Thabazimbi — an escalating drug crisis that is devastating families, fuelling crime, and leaving homeless individuals trapped in a relentless cycle of addiction.

It's a grim picture of the town's drug epidemic. Drug abuse is rampant, with substances being openly sold and consumed in the streets. The shelter regularly encounters homeless individuals who are turned away due to failed drug tests, many of whom have struggled with addiction for over a decade.

People are mixing dangerous cocktails of overthe-counter pills, ARV medication, rat poison, and watered-down heroin with cannabis. Others are turning to meth, hallucinogenic mushrooms,

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and nyope, which is one of the cheapest highs available for as little as R20.

The consequences addiction through community leading to job family breakdowns, a surge in crime, particularly copper theft, break-ins, and

the resale of stolen electronics. While foreign drug dealers are often blamed, many locals are also involved in the manufacturing and distribution of these deadly substances

A grim reality for Thabazimbi's youth

Perhaps most concerning is the rise of drug use among children as young as 10. Schools have been working tirelessly to keep substances out, but dealers and runners remain a constant presence, lurking in parking lots and public spaces.

Even for those who manage to go through rehab, the battle is far from over. Dealers are relentless. The moment a recovering addict returns, they are tracked down and offered drugs again.

The lack of enforcement against drug dealers further exacerbates the problem. In my 15 years in Thabazimbi, I've seen countless cases of theft linked to drug addiction, but how many actual drug dealers have been arrested? Almost none..

What can be done?

I urge residents to rethink how they engage with the homeless and addicted individuals. Handing out money and food often unintentionally fuels drug purchases. I also call for stricter law enforcement action, as well as communitydriven efforts to address addiction at its root.

The recent dagga bust is a strong step in the right direction — but as Thabazimbi's growing drug crisis proves, it will take much more to win the war against addiction.

THABAZIMBI CHILD ASSAULT TRIAL POSTPONED <u>AGAIN</u>



Justice delayed, but not denied

Thabazimbi – The long-running case against Ria Oberholzer, Petrus Oelofse, and Jessica Hull has once again been delayed, with the trial now set to continue on 15 April and 29 April 2025. The postponement comes as the court awaits critical testimony from a state witness, reinforcing the complexities surrounding the case.

This development follows a previous delay, where the trial was initially scheduled to commence on

13 and 18 February 2025 but was postponed due to concerns for the psychological wellbeing of the young victims preparing for their final examinations.

The accused are facing serious charges related to child assault and neglect. Oelofse is charged with sexual assault and child neglect, while Oberholzer and Hull are accused of child neglect and assault with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. The case, which has now spanned over a year and a half, has encountered multiple delays, further extending the emotional toll on the victims and their families.

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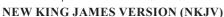
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Love for God and One Another

4 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 5 They are of the world. Therefore they speak as

of the world, and the world hears them. 6 We are of God. He who knows God hears us: he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.



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Do you think ghosts exist?

Some swear by weird encounters, while others believe science explains the unknown. Ghost stories span cultures and centuries, from haunted houses to unexplained whispers. Are spirits real, or just tricks of the mind? Share your thoughts — do you believe in ghosts?



Yes, I believe ghosts exist. Just as angels have their counterparts, ghosts do too. Everything has its opposite.

> **Bridgette** Selahle, Thabazimbi



I've had my own encounters, so in my opinion, ghosts do exist. But to each their

Melody Bruwer, Makoppa, Thabazimbi

PUBLIC POLL: THE RESULTS ARE IN! NO 39% YES 61% Do you think ghosts exist?

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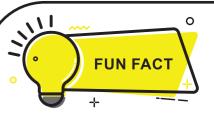
Safety is a growing concern for many residents. While some areas remain peaceful, others face rising crime, poor lighting, and security issues. Do you feel secure walking outside after dark, or do you avoid certain places? Share your thoughts your voice matters! Here's how you can participate. Email us at news@platinumbushvelder.co.za or WhatsApp your response to 081 579 7000. Include the following:

- · Your answer: Yes or No
- · Why? We want to hear from you!
- A recent photo We'd love to publish your pic alongside your answer!
- Your town/city
- Deadline Be sure to send your response before 12:00 on Monday, 24 February 2025.

Vote results: The outcome of the poll will be featured in our next issue. Be a part of our community's story! P.S.: Don't forget, you can also voice your opinion on our Facebook post about this topic. Join the conversation!







Did you know?

Ever heard that water always drains clockwise in the Southern Hemisphere and counterclockwise in the Northern Hemisphere? It sounds like a fun fact, but it's actually a myth! While the Coriolis effect does influence large-scale weather patterns, it's too weak to dictate how your sink drains. Instead, the direction of the swirl depends on the shape of the sink,

the angle of the drain, and any existing water movement So next time you see water spiralling down, don't blame the Earth's rotation — blame your sink!



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Bulls-Eye in the Rain: Archers Conquer the Elements

Thabazimbi – Archery has never been a sport for the faint-hearted, and the past weekend's competition at Camp Yakol proved just that. Despite relentless rain, determined archers took to the field, proving that neither wind nor soaking downpours could shake their focus.

The Thabazimbi Archery Club, known for its balance of social and competitive spirit, saw its members take on a challenging two-day field competition on 14 and 15 February 2025 at Camp Yakol, 15 km outside of Modimolle. Typically, archers brace themselves against sun and wind, but this time, nature had a different challenge in store — unforgiving rain.

Precision, persistence, and passion

Camp Yakol, home to many adventure camps for school and youth groups, hosted the event on a rugged course where competitors had to shoot from a variety of terrains, including inclines, declines, and rocky paths. Safety briefings were conducted by Hendré Schoeors, ensuring all

precautions before taking aim.

Podium performers

Despite the challenges, the competition produced impressive results. Rain or shine, these archers hit their marks, proving that resilience is key in the sport of kings, soldiers, and rebels.

- Adult Male Freestyle Unlimited: 2nd place HJ Swanepoel
- Veteran Male Freestyle Unlimited (VMFU):
 1st place Chris Welgemoed, 2nd place Jaco van Vuuren
- Veteran Male Bowhunter Unlimited: 2nd place Charles Bester
- Junior Male Freestyle Unlimited: Gold Mardus Ras

Join the fun!

The Thabazimbi Archery Club is not just about competition; it's about community. Every Tuesday evening, the club hosts social shoots starting at 17:30, with first arrows flying at 18:00. Spectators are welcome to join in on the fun and witness the skill and determination of these incredible archers.



Mardus Ras, from the Thabazimbi Archery Club, uses binoculars to call placement shots for his teammates from High School Merensky, Tzaneen. In archery, calling your own shot is a sign of sportsmanship.



Navigating rocky terrain and shooting on an incline adds another level of difficulty. Kobie du Preez from Nelspruit and Anita de Kock from Bapsfontein tackle the challenge head-on.



Undeterred by the downpour, Kobie du Preez and Anita de Kock take aim. Water droplets on their lenses make precision shooting even more challenging.





Setaria – The Northam Platinum Rhinos stormed to a resounding 38-12 victory over Northwest University Vaal in their Castle Super League clash on Saturday, 15 February 2025, in Vanderbijlpark. The Rhinos started off strong but faced stiff resistance in the first half, leading by a narrow 12-7 margin at the break. However, they turned up the heat in the second half, with impact player Jaylin James spearheading the charge, amassing an impressive 16 points, including two tries.

Team captain Chaney Willemse delivered a powerhouse performance, crossing the try line and earning the Player of the Match title. The Rhinos' offensive dominance continued as hooker Khwezi Mkhafu, Aphelele Bangani, and Sibabalo Mnkani all contributed to the scoreboard, sealing the win. Assistant coach Flip de Kock is calling on fans to rally behind the team for their upcoming showdown this Saturday, 22 February 2025, where all four Rhinos teams will be in action. "Our teams are ready for this Saturday's showdown.



Darryn Fortuin battles fiercely for possession, demonstrating the grit and determination of the Rhinos in their dominant second-half performance.

Please come and join us. There will be a beer tent available and music," says De Kock.

For more information, contact Flip de Kock on 076 791 4659.



Thabazimbi – The Ride for a Child charity motorbike ride, a 7,000km journey around South Africa, is more than just an adventure — it's a mission to provide medical care to children in need. Organised by Pediatric Care Africa and led by founder Dr. André Hattingh, this initiative connects volunteer doctors with underprivileged children, ensuring they receive essential diagnoses and treatment.

This year, the ride takes an exciting turn for Thabazimbi. "Previous years we had a quick stopover, but this time we have the privilege to sleep over at Deo Volente Country Lodge," says Dr. Hattingh. "We would love the support of the biker community — join us for a ride when we arrive on Thursday, 20 February, or when we leave for Rustenburg on Friday, 21 February."

Local bikers and businesses are encouraged to back this noble cause by riding along, spreading awareness, or supporting Pediatric Care Africa's Doctors for Children initiative. Every kilometre counts — so does every act of kindness. For details or donations, visit www.pediatriccareafrica.org or call 076 229 5663













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