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'Die Noorde wil nou kuier'

Inwoners het al van vroeg af tougestaan om vir die eerste keer sedert die inperking in Maart wettiglik sigarette te koop.

Marizka Coetzer

Inwoners het Dinsdag in lang toue gestaan om by hul gunsteling "watergate" in te kom nadat die verbod op die verkoop van drank en sigarette ná vyf maande verslap is.

"Mense is sommer weer lus om te kuier," het Helga Botha, mede-eienaar by Jan se Skuld restaurant in Montana gesê.

"Almal het mekaar gemis. Hulle wil ontspan in 'n lekker atmosfeer en iets lekker saam drink en eet."

Botha sê dit was lekker om hul gereelde en lojale klante ná al die maande terug te verwelkom.

Suid-Afrikaanse nikotien-belangegroep verteenwoordiger Angelique Schlebusch sê sy is dankbaar vir almal wat gehelp het om die verbod op tabak en dampprodukte (e-sigarette) op te hef.

"Die verbod het miljoene jare lank se ellende veroorsaak, en daaglik R35-miljoen beroof en duisende poste vernietig," sê sy.

"Terwyl die tabakbedryf begin met die baie moeilike proses om groot gedeeltes van 'n mark wat bykans vyf maande lank heeltemal onwettig was te probeer omkeer, staan ons voor nog 'n uitdaging, naamlik om die aanbevole kleinhandelprijs vanaf 24 Augustus 2020 te verhoog. Dit wil voorkom asof ons weer 'n prysoorlog betree."

Schlebusch het rokers aangemoedig om verantwoordelik te wees.

"Moenie 'n sigaret deel nie en bly veilig."

Inwoners het al van vroeg af tougestaan om vir die eerste keer sedert die inperking in Maart wettiglik sigarette te koop.

Die verbod op drank is verskeie kere in die inperking aangepas.

President Cyril Ramaphosa het Saterdagmiddag aangekondig dat die land vanaf middernag Maandag na vlak 2 van die inperking sal beweeg.

Terwyl die Covid-19-statistiek in die meeste dele van die land aanhou daal volgens die Departement van Gesondheid, het die regering egter 'n beroep op die publiek gedoen om streng by die regulasies te hou om sodoende nie 'n "harde" inperking in die gesig te staar nie.

"Dit beteken nie dat die virusrisiko laer is nie," het Minister van Samewerkende Regering en Tradisionele Sake, Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma gesê.

"As ons die ekonomie open, beteken dit nie dat die risiko laer is nie. Hoe meer mense rondbeweeg, hoe groter is die kans dat die virus van een persoon na 'n ander kan versprei," het Dlamini-Zuma gesê.

Metertyd sal meer besonderhede rakende die regulasies afgekondig word.

Hier is wat u moet weet oor die nuwe regulasies:

- Sosiale geleenthede by restaurante word toegelaat solank daar nie meer as 10 besoekers op 'n slag is nie.

- Gimnasiums en fiksheidssentrums is weer oop, maar mag slegs 50 mense op 'n slag akkommodeer.

- Tabak sal, anders as alkohol, sonder enige beperkinge verkoop word.

- Die verkoop van drank deur 'n gelisensieerde perseel vir buite-perseelverbruik word toegelaat van 09:00 tot 17:00, van Maandae tot Donderdae. Dit sluit Vrydae, Saterdag, Sondag en openbare vakansiedae uit.

- Die daaglikse 22:00 tot 04:00



Piet Magongwa (regs) koop 'n pakkie sigarette by Sophy Kgebane (links) by 'n vulstasie in die noorde van Pretoria. Photo: Ron Sibiyi

aandklokkeel geld steeds.

- Gesigsmaskers is steeds verpligtend in openbare plekke insluitende openbare vervoer.

- Die bywoning van begrafnisse is beperk tot 50 persone en sal nie as 'n verbode byeenkoms beskou word nie. Nagwake word steeds nie toegelaat nie.

- 'n Persoon mag nie uit sy of haar huis of woonplek uitgesit word vir die duur van die nasionale inperking nie, tensy 'n bevoegde

hof 'n bevel verleen het wat die uitsetting of sloping magtig.

- Alle persone moet 'n gesigsmasker dra en alle gesondheidsprotokolle en reëls vir sosiale distansiering moet nagekom word wanneer hul 'n byeenkoms bywoon.

- Nagklubs bly gesluit.

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Vragtrok mielies die pad vol ná ongeluk

Marizka Coetzer

Vrywilligers van die Sinoville Brandbestrydingsvereniging (SBBV) het verlede Donderdagmiddag tot sonsonder gewerk om die hoek van Lavenderweg en Steve Bikostraat op te ruim nadat 'n vragmotor omgeslaan en 'n vrag mielies oor die besige verkeershoek gemors het.

Noodpersoneel is op 13 Augustus omstreeks 14:00 na die toneel ontbied nadat 'n 15-ton vragmotor kort tevore by die stewige afdraande oor die berg gery het en vermoedelik weens die spoed omgeslaan het en die vrag mielies verloor het.

Exec Ops Security, SVVB, die Sinoville-polisie en die plaaslike GPF en vrywilligers het gehelp om die verkeersvloei te rig en die toneel op te ruim.

“Ek wil elke lid bedank wat betrokke was by die drie brande vroeër die dag asook by die vragmotor wat Donderdagmiddag omgeslaan het,” het Zenobia Loocke-du Plessis, woordvoerder van die SBBV gesê.

Loocke-du Plessis sê sy het verskeie oproepe van die gemeenskap ontvang wat die SBBV vir die dienste van die vrywilligers bedank het.

Roy Rademeyer van Exec Ops

Protection, wat op die toneel was, het gesê dat vragmotors van 5 ton verbied word om oor die pas vanaf Steve Bikostraat in die rigting van Sinoville te ry.

Rademeyer het aan *Rekord* gesê niemand was ernstig beseer nie.

Die ruit van die vragmotor was wel gebreek om die bestuurder te bevry.

“Gelukkig het die bestuurder slegs ligte beserings opgedoen.”

Die verkeersvloei in die rigting van die Wonderboom Junction was tydelik vesper terwyl vrywilligers die pad skoonmaak.

Loocke-du Plessis sê die ongeluk was eintlik 'n tragedie wat in werklikheid vermy kon word.

“Vragmotors mag nie oor die Wonderboom-nek ry nie.

“Die trok was gelaai met 5 ton mielies in sy bak en die sleepwa het ook sowat 5 ton mielies gedra. Dit was duidelik dat die vrag heeltemal te swaar was vir wat die trok moes dra.”

Hy sê die bestuurder kon nie betyds stop nie en in die draai het sy vrag geskuif en die mielies oor die pad gestrooi gelaat.

“Die SBBV het die mielies probeer opvee en vinnig gesien dat 'n klomp mense die mielies kom probeer opeis het vir



Vrywilligers help skoonmaak, nadat 'n vragmotor vol mielies omgeslaan het.

die gebruik dus het die SBBV die toneel afgesper. Selfs die polisie het kom help opvee,” sê hy.

“Daar was 'n diesellek en ons was bang dat dit 'n brand kon veroorsaak.

“Die ongelukstoneel het motoriste se aandag afgetrek en soos met meeste gevalle 'n ongeluk veroorsaak – daar was dus 'n botsing daar naby en dit het verkeer verder belemmer.”

Warning about spikes in road

Marizka Coetzer

The Cullinan CPF warned motorists in the area to be careful after four reported incidents this week in which hazardous spikes were placed in the road in attempts to force motorists to stop and rob them.

Two incidents were reported on the N4 and R104 on Thursday evening, while spikes were also found on the N4 before the Rayton/Cullinan off-ramp last night.

Meanwhile, spikes were reported on the R104 near Sammy Marks on Tuesday night.

“Do not stop, drive as far as possible until you find a safe place and immediately call for help,” said Cullinan CPF chairperson Karen Yssel.

“We again want to urge motorists to be vigilant when using the N4 and R104 between Pretoria and Bronkhorstspuit, especially at night. Please look out for objects placed in the road, sometimes the spikes are covered with plastic bags.

“It is also important that you report these incidents to police, even if only your tyres were damaged.”

Earlier in March, various incidents of



Tyres damaged by spikes placed on the N4 and R104 this week.

spikes places in the road were reported in the north.

Spikes were recovered in the north of Pretoria after a local security company and stakeholders started patrolling the area in search of the so-called “spike gang” on the N1 and N4.

Gloves and plastic bags used to cover the spikes were also found close to the Solomon Mahlangu off-ramp on the N4 in the east of Pretoria.

Die dood maak nie 'n afspraak nie...



Sonja Smith

“Wanneer jy die deurklokkie lui by 'n begrafnis-onderneming, is dit met 'n sug in jou hart, want jy weet en ek weet dat wanneer jy hier uitstap, gaan die lewe nooit weer dieselfde wees nie,” so sê Sonja Smith, besturende direkteur van *Sonja Smith Elite Funeral Group*.

Met hul sagte benadering van omgee, sorg, deernis en empatie bring dié groep 'n anderste warmte na 'n koue, kliniese omgewing.



Estelle Schlebush

Die Montana kantoor is onder nuwe bestuur en het op 1 Augustus 2020 'n nuwe baadjie aangetrek met die verhuising na die bekende *Delectus Manor*. Kliënte het onmiddellik positief reageer op die kalmte en rustigheid wat hul begroet by die pragtige nuwe perseel. Nou kan jy 'n koppie koffie geniet in die *Afrifrans Teetuin* terwyl jy 'n laaste tótsiens vir jou geliefde saam met Sonja of Estelle beplan.

Daar is ook 'n kapel waar begrafnisdienste gehou kan word.



Delectus Manor

Sonja is tans gewikkel in 'n Grondwetlike Uitdaging rondom miskrame en stilgeboortes in SA. Die baanbreker hofspraak het voorgekom op 14 & 15 November 2019 en sy wag tans op uitspraak. Sy veg vir die regte van ouers wat 'n baba verloor voor 26 weke van gestasie. Die lyfies word volgens wet as mediese afval geklassifiseer.

En as sy self eendag haar kop neerlê? “Daar gaan 'n vrou verby. Sy groet... en dis verlaas. Daar is nog maar één soos sy!”

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Some 1 500 community patrollers were expected to be deployed throughout the Gauteng province in a bid to curb and prevent illegal land invasions. Photo: Twitter @GP_DHS

'War' against land invaders

Keitumetse Maako

The government earlier this week declared "war" against syndicates believed to be behind land invasions.

"We wish to send a strong message to all the syndicates – your days are numbered. We know you by name now," said Gauteng community safety MEC Faith Mazibuko.

"Be careful." Mazibuko made the remarks as she spoke to members of the media at the launch of the anti-land invasion campaign in the province on Monday. The remarks came on the heels of land invasions in the Rosslyn area where multiple structures were built.

"All those that are busy selling land, structures will be demolished like in Rosslyn," Mazibuko said.

She encouraged people to rather wait for processes so government could release land and allocate it to

the rightful beneficiaries.

"The law enforcement officers are now on track and they will make sure no other incidents happen here in Gauteng," she said.

Also speaking at the launch was Cogta human settlements and urban planning MEC Lebogang Maile who explained why the campaign was necessary.

"There is no excuse for illegal land occupation because that creates lots of problems for our plans as government, in the three spheres (of local, provincial and national government)," he said.

"Land invasions make planning and development intended for communities near impossible, hence we call on communities to report illegal invasions."

To tackle the surge in land invasions, a total of 1 500 community patrollers were expected to be deployed throughout the province over the next three months to prevent and

discourage illegal land invasions.

"As government we are going to act decisively to prevent land invasions. Various law enforcement agencies must exert the authority of the state and those responsible must face the wrath of the law," Maile said.

The provincial government was also expected to intensify its rollout of their "rapid land response team" to "deserving beneficiaries" while would be able to build their own houses.

"Through this programme, we will be able to accelerate housing delivery and clear up our bloated beneficiary list for free houses," Maile said.

Earlier this month, numerous structures in Rosslyn were demolished in an operation headed by the SAPS. More structures were demolished in neighbouring Ga-Rankuwa from property owned by the Sefako Makgatho health sciences university.

Inwoners geteister deur grondgrypers

Marizka Coetzer

Inwoners in die noorde van Pretoria sê hul leef in vrees van grondgrypers en onwettige grondverkope in die gebied, asof "gewone" plaasaanvalle nie genoeg was nie.

"Ons vrees regtig vir ons lewens nou," vertel die Van de Bank egpaar van Hammanskraal oor skynbare onwettige grondverkope op hul agterplaas.

"Waar dit 'n pragtige wildspasie was, is daar niks meer oor nie. Al ons wild is gestroop," sê Rosemarie van der Bank. Rosemarie het in 2016 'n plaasaanval op haar eiendom langs Kanana oorleef.

Sy vertel hul eiendom word kort-kort deur misdaad geteiken.

"Maar nou kap die grondgrypers al ons bome af. Hulle het al ons drade geknip. Wanneer ons die grondgrypers gaan vra om uit te bly, dreig hulle dat hulle ons huis gaan afbrand," vertel sy.

Sy sê tydens die plaasaanval in 2016 was sy en haar man deur ses aanvallers aangehou.

Hillel Coetzer, AfriForum se hoof van veiligheid vir die noordelike streek, sê daar is verskeie gevalle van grondgrype en verwante klagtes onder AfriForum se aandag onlangs gebring.

Hy sê in die Hennopsriver-

area is daar 'n geval waar die eienaars hof toe moes gaan vir 'n uitsettingsbevel, nadat daar verskeie kere druk toe gepas is op die plaaslike polisie-stasie om 'n saak oop te maak.

"'n Bevel is toegestaan en die 'Rooi Miere' (Red Ants) is uit om oortreders te verwyder. Daar is weer op dieselfde eiendom grondgrype aangemeld en die eienaars moet nou weer die Rooi Miere kry. Die probleem is dat hulle nie noodwendig die fondse het om te betaal nie."

Hy sê daar was nog sulke gevalle in die Apiesriviergebied sowel as in Pretoria-Noord.

"In Pretoria-Noord op beide staats- en privaatgrond, moes die metro verskeie kere help om mense te verwyder. Daar is eger weereens 'n groep mense wat erwe uitmerk. Weereens word druk vanaf AfriForum toegepas om staatsentiteite te dwing om hul werk te doen."

Die woordvoerder van ANC Gauteng provinsiale wetgewer Lesego Makhubela het op 12 Augustus in 'n persverklaring gesê dat hul kennis neem van die toenemende gevalle van onwettige verkoop van grond en veroordeel "gewetenlose" mense in die verskillende dele van die provinsie, veral in Tshwane.

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How it works

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Brand ambassador, Donnalee Roberts and her little ray of sunshine

#BeSunshine

Due to the ongoing fight against the Covid-19 pandemic, a lot of events were cancelled this year but SPAR has set out to prove that creativity, inspiration, unity and SUNSHINE cannot be cancelled!

#BeSunshine is the theme for the virtual challenge, and carries with it an underlying message of walking together, walking for a purpose, showing love and kindness – and walking on sunshine, by sharing messages that bring joy, happiness and sunshine to those around you. This theme is a celebration of the boundless positivity and resilience of South African women in the face of adversity. When you can't find the sunshine, be the sunshine!

Covid-19 leaves its mark on the police

Keitumetse Maako

There was a dramatic increase between July and August in the number of police officers who tested positive for Covid-19.

“Despite our best efforts to keep the virus at bay by wearing protective equipment, sanitising our hands, vehicles and work stations and by maintaining social distancing while enforcing the law, over 14 000 of our members tested positive for Covid-19,” police minister Bheki Cele said during a recent briefing.

A total of 14 182 officers had tested positive for the virus.

The sharp increase was, however, not only noted in the number of infections but in deaths and recoveries as well.

“A total of 163 of our members have died from the virus while 9 563 have recovered,” Cele said.

“There’s no doubt these infections occurred in the frontlines,” Cele said.

He also commended officers for having executed their responsibility to serve and protect members of the public



Police Minister Bheki Cele.

with “excellence”.

A month ago, the ministry’s spokesperson Lirandzu Themba told *Rekord* 4 300 officers had tested positive for the virus.

Themba said they lost 28 officers to the virus while 1 367 officers had recovered.

During the briefing Cele released crime statistics for the first quarter of the 2020/2021 financial year. He said 298 252 people were arrested and charged with contravening the disaster management act.

“Of the over 200 000 people, a total of 181 579 were released on a warning to appear in court, while 28 337 were found guilty of violations which related to liquor, gatherings, transport and business.

The police fraternity, however, was not the only to be marred with officers contracting and dying from the virus.

Earlier this month, health minister Zweli Mkhize said his department “noted with concern”, the increasing number of allegations of healthcare workers contracting the deadly coronavirus.

Struggle to upgrade rails

Reitumetse Mahope

Rail agency Prasa is finding itself overstretched between planning for service resumption in areas with sabotaged infrastructure.

Gauteng Metrorail spokesperson Lillian Mofokeng said Prasa was having difficulty to effectively secure the vast open the network and its 218 stations.

Mofokeng told *Rekord* Gauteng Metrorail was currently experiencing an alarming increase in the number of reported cases of infrastructure vandalism and theft.

She said the theft of infrastructure included overhead electrical lines, electrical substations as well as vandalism of station and depot buildings.

“The rise in unprecedented levels of vandalism and theft of critical infrastructure components, along with the evident growth in the illicit trading of copper and steel on the black market, means Prasa must refocus its efforts towards providing more security manpower.”

It had to do this by using the same amount of money meant for passenger rail improvement upgrades without any additional revenue or funding.

“The unfortunate part is that the vandalism and theft will directly affect the majority of communities and commuters who depend on Metrorail.”

In 2019, Prasa recorded losses of about R364-million due to vandalism as a result of train burnings, vandalism of power



Transport minister Fikile Mbalula inspects various sites belonging to the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa (Prasa), ahead of the gradual resumption of its operations on Wednesday. **Photo: Twitter.**

stations and the theft of electrical cables in in the Western Cape and Gauteng.

She said Prasa had now been forced to plan and implement expensive security strategies that affected the agency’s ability to focus on its mandate.

“It is important communities report acts of vandalism on the system.

“If we do not work together, Prasa’s ability to provide affordable public transportation will be in jeopardy leaving thousands of South Africans with the reality of seeking less affordable public transport services.”

This follows repeated cases of vandalism of the Pretoria rail network which had forced Prasa to use diesel locomotives.

Last month, Prasa spokesperson Makhosini Mgitywa said the agency used diesel locomotives along the Pienaarspoort to Pretoria line, since the resumption of limited services in July.

Mgitywa said the use of diesel locomotives meant Metrorail, the urban trains operator, could not use the new trains due to vandalism and theft of the overhead electrical lines. He said often trains on the Pienaarspoort to Pretoria line ran late, due to cable theft and hanging wires between Koedoespoort and Eersterust.

Acting provincial manager Jackie Moshe said the hanging wires posed a serious threat to the safety of the infrastructure, personnel, commuters and trains.

Transport minister Fikile Mbalula also announced that the Mabopane train station project would be completed by April 2021 after undergoing renovations.

Mbalula and Prasa administrator Bongisiwe Mpondo met in March to outline plans to refurbish the line. The station closed in December 2019, due to cable theft with the effects trickling down to the Technikon Rand station in Pretoria West.

She said Prasa’s business intelligence with the help of law enforcement agencies and the police, continued to work around the clock to curb this escalating criminal activity.

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'Help please, Wollies is running out of food'

'The food is expected to last only until the end of the week. Help is needed urgently.'

Marizka Coetzer

The Wollies animal shelter in Hestiapark in the north of Pretoria is in dire straits as the animal food is expected to last only until the end of the week.

"Wollies is running very low on food. We only have enough to feed all the animals until Thursday. This is a desperate situation and help is needed urgently," founder of Wollies animal shelter, Cilla Trexler said.

"You can drop food off at the shelter. Please, Wollies supporters, the animals need you," Trexler urged the community.

Trexler said the shelter was short on animal food because they have been assisting various needy communities such as Soshanguve and Ga-Rankuwa with animal food.

"And then we ran out of food too fast."

Wollies currently houses more than 1 000 animals (about 600 dogs and 400 cats) at the shelter located at their premises in Rooikat Street.

Last month, Trexler told *Rekord* the shelter was taking strain under the current national lockdown due to the global Covid-19 pandemic.

"Wollies initially had many fun fundraising events planned, but due to the current Covid-19 epidemic they had to be cancelled.

"As you can imagine, this has led to a severe shortage in our resources – we are running very low on cat and dog food supplies. It is a crisis."

In an attempt to raise funds and collect food for the animals, the shelter has announced that Afrikaans pop sensation, Nadine will be visiting the shelter on 29 August, to donate animal food and spend time with the animals.

"Come and meet Nadine, and while you are at it, bring a bag of cat or dog food



Wollies animal shelter in the north of Pretoria.

along," Trexler said.

Wollies has also teamed up with legendary Afrikaans singer, Anton Goosen to raise additional funds via a social media concert. Together apart for Wollies, next month in efforts to raise much needed funds for the shelter. "In light of the postponement of the Sleepathon challenge 2020 due to

Covid-19, Wollies will not be receiving the funds we normally raise through this event – important funds that help us achieve our vision of giving all animals a second chance for a good life.

"We are, therefore, extremely pleased to announce that Anton Goosen, with his big heart and love for animals, is hosting an

online event via YouTube in aid of Wollies animal shelter later this year in September."

Trexler thanked the community for their continued support throughout tough times.

"We at Wollies would like to thank all our supporters. You are always there for us and every single one of our animals. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts."

One of SA's loved artists releases album



Sarel Theron and Henko Coetzee.



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A popular venue in Lynnwood, Die Blou Hond, was the site of the release of Ruhan du Toit's latest album, *Monumentaal* on Saturday evening.

Master of ceremonies, an artist and entrepreneur Bibi du Preez had the audience roaring with laughter.

She was an ideal curtain-raiser to former member of Touch of Class, Ruhan du Toit released his latest album. Du Toit, best-known for "The Sound of Silence", definitely needs no introduction in music circles.

His unique four octave vocal range, variety of six languages and natural talent behind the guitar and various other musical instruments.

"'Monumentaal' is a song about dreams and love. I like to write and sing stories that fans wants to hear," said Du Toit.

"Sound of Silence", a song that gives one goosebumps was first performed by Du Toit and his brother in 2000. Du Toit said that he will perform the song at every concert. In 2019, he broke away from Touch of Class and started his solo career.

"Sê ek het" was also one of the songs on his latest albums he performed in front of a full-house at Die Blou Hond.

"The title of the song says it all. The message I want to carry over is to never get to that point in your life that you feel 'I wish I could have done that'."



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As per the EIA regulations, the proposed project will require a Basic Assessment for the installation of the mast. TFR have appointed CES to conduct and submit the Basic Assessment application to the National Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries for decision making.

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Athlete's Covid-19 problem

To race this season or to stay away from competitive racing – that is the dilemma the South African 100m-hurdles record-holder Rikenette Steenkamp is currently facing.

The more the Puma-Tuks athlete thinks about things, the more she realises there is no easy answer.

“As athletes, we are used to have a specific goal and a time frame in which to achieve it. That is what motivates you. But due to the Covid-19 pandemic, everything has changed. Things are at the moment sort of hanging in the air. We are training, but we are not sure why.”

“Being so uncertain is frustrating,” she said.

Steenkamp still got to decide whether it is worth her while to compete this year. She would prefer not to race as late as October as the aim is to compete indoors again next year. It means her season will start earlier.

“If I should decide to compete now, the immediate question that springs to mind is how am I going to benefit from it? I could try and run 13.2s to keep the momentum going. It might, however, be challenging especially since I have not hurdled in the last four months. I have no idea of what shape I am going to be in. We have only been allowed back on the Tuks athletics track since recently (mid-July).

She believes that, in the end, everything will depend as to the opportunities of where and when she might get to race and what her sponsor's expectations are.

Steenkamp added that her coach, Hennie Kriel, had been wanting



Despite frustration about the future, Rikenette Steenkamp practices daily to be ready for any possible opportunities to participate. Photo: Reg Caldecott

for years to have time to work on getting her physically stronger and faster, but due to her competition schedule, it had never been possible.

“There will never be a better time than now to do so,” she remarked.

Steenkamp made the most of the few opportunities she had to race earlier this season. In February she twice broke the South African Indoor-record for the 60m-hurdles by clocking times of 8.29s in Glasgow and then 8.17s in Madrid.

It was the first time she competed indoors.

She only once got to compete in the 100m-hurdles. It was during the Gauteng North Championships at Tuks, which she won in a time of 13.22s.

The Puma-Tuks athlete also holds the South African 100m-hurdles record. During the Resisprint International Track and Field meeting in La Chaux-de-Fonds, Switzerland in 2018 she clocked a time of 12.81s. On the same during the heats, she won in 12.70s. It was however with the benefit of a +2.2m/s tailwind.

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Top local athlete's season becomes dilemma due to Covid-19



The 2017 SPAR Grand Prix winner, Kesa Molotsane and Olympian athlete, Rene Kalmer are ready for South Africa's Most Beautiful Virtual Challenge, the 2020 SPAR Women's Virtual Challenge on the 26th of September 2020. Photo: Reg Caldecott

SPAR challenge aims high

There has been an excellent response to the SPAR Women's Virtual Challenge, which will take place on 26 September, with more than 12 000 tickets sold within days of its launch.

The SPAR Women's Virtual Challenge is SPAR's response to the cancellation of all the SPAR Women's Challenge series around the country because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Instead of travelling to the six cities around the country making up the series, women are being invited to walk, run or jog a distance of their choice between 5km and 10km, over a route of their choice, between sunrise and sunset on Saturday, 26 September and then share their experiences on social media.

The organisers are hoping to set a world record for the most participants in a women-only virtual challenge and appear to be well on track to achieve that.

"I am really excited about the great response there has been," said SPAR Women's Virtual Challenge ambassador and former SPAR Grand Prix winner Kesa Molotsane.

She said it's such a wonderful project in these very strange days we are living through.

"I know we won't actually be racing, but it's a wonderful motivator. I am coming back from injuries to both knees and my left ankle, and the thought of the SPAR Women's Virtual Challenge spurs me on to get back to full fitness. I am excited to be doing something a lot of people are doing and I am really looking forward to all the social media on the day," Molotsane remarked.

Rene Kalmer is another SPAR Women's Virtual Challenge Ambassador who is enthusiastic about the event.

"It's going to be a different kind of challenge and there is a different kind of excitement about it. We all have our personal goals and will be trying to achieve them on the day," said the three-times SPAR Grand Prix winner.

Kalmer, who is quite far along in her second pregnancy, said she won't be trying to set any records on the day. The advantage of being able to choose your route is that you can choose one that suits you and according to Kalmer she will

probably seek out a "flattish" route.

"Maybe even one that is downhill all the way," she laughed.

According to Kalmer she hopes that everyone who takes part wears their special T-shirt on the day, so that everyone can recognise one another and exchange good wishes. She believes it's going to be really beautiful.

Kalmer said the R50 entry fee was a real bargain.

"For R50, you are getting a T-shirt, a buff and the race magazine, and then SPAR is donating food parcels to survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) as well. I think that's fantastic. We can't talk enough or do enough about GBV. We have become even more aware of it during lockdown and we need to do everything possible to help the victims," she commented.

Entries for the SPAR Women's Virtual Challenge are only online at www.sparvirtualchallenge.co.za. When you enter, you nominate the SPAR store most convenient to you where you can collect your limited-edition SPAR Virtual Challenge pack from that store from two weeks before the event.

Vermeulen to lead Blue Bulls' return

Duane Vermeulen will lead the Bulls when they return to the field later this year, while he will be assisted by two other seasoned leaders, Arno Botha and Gio Aplon.

This news was announced by the Bulls' Director of Rugby, Jake White, after the players gathered at Loftus Versfeld last week to start preparing in all seriousness for the remaining part of the 2020 season, which according to indications will last until deep into December.

The 34-year-old World Cup winning no.8 is no stranger to leadership roles as he captained the Springboks against New Zealand in Wellington last year while he also wore the Stormers' armband in 2015.

Couple this with his experience of both Southern and Northern hemisphere rugby, on top of his never-back-down attitude and dedication to perfecting his craft, and it becomes easy to understand his appointment.

Loose forward Arno Botha and utility back Gio Aplon's appointments as Vermeulen's deputies were based on similar calculations with Botha (28) having always been earmarked to have a hand in the Bulls' leadership since his junior days at Loftus Versfeld where he led the Blue Bulls at various levels including the Currie Cup.

The 37-year-old mercurial and hot stepping utility back Aplon brings a wealth of experience that includes stints at the Stormers, Grenoble and Toyota Verblitz while boasting 17 Springbok caps. He certainly knows how and when to bring the magic on the field. It is this experience that has created a level headed, tactical type of player which will serve the

younger backs greatly in the coming seasons.

The Bulls have always had the privilege of having some of the finest leaders in world rugby amongst their ranks and it is no different at present with the likes of Trevor Nyakane, Morné Steyn, Nizaam Carr and Ivan van Zyl all highly capable leaders, both on and off the field.

Vermeulen thanked White for showing faith in him as a leader while encouraging the loyal Bulls supporters during this difficult time.

"It is always a privilege to play a game of rugby and it is one I never take for granted.

"It's a massive honour to be appointed captain of this group, especially at this exciting time when so much is expected from us. A huge thank you must go out to Jake and the management team for trusting me with this immense privilege," he said.

"This year has been a difficult one for many South Africans but rugby will return and when it does the Bulls will be ready to make you proud."



Duane Vermeulen will lead the Bulls when they return to the playing field. Photo: simondp@actionimage

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