

# Stutterheim protests continue

The town of Stutterheim continues to resemble a war zone with motorists passing through on the N6 greeted by the sight of a gutted municipal building, litter strewn all over, broken refuse bins and damaged traffic lights.

The town has been plagued by protests against the embattled Amahlathi Municipality with co-operative governance and traditional affairs MEC Fikile Xasa last week announcing a forensic investigation into the local authority.

Youths in the town



**KEEPING WATCH: Police in the streets of Stutterheim as protests continue to rage on in the town**  
Picture: SAPS

have claimed nepotism in appointments by the municipality, taking bribes and sexual favours in exchange for jobs. Xasa's announcement to investigate the municipality has apparently done little to appease protesters, however, with two trucks since set alight just outside the town and reports of rocks being thrown at vehicles travelling through the town on the busy N6. Efforts by residents to

clean up the streets last week were nullified as the refuse was simply thrown out in the streets again. Shops have been forced to close, allegedly following intimidation.

The police indicated on Monday that two suspects – aged 30 and 39 – had been arrested on charges on public violence.

This followed the arrests of six suspects last week.

Police spokesperson Captain Siphokazi Mawisa said on Tuesday that the town was quiet, with police monitoring the situation.



**REACHING OUT: The department of home affairs visited the Dordrecht High School to help grade 10 pupils with their identity documents. Thanks to the Cacadu home affairs office for their help**

**STUTTERHEIM** – Round Table 103 recently hosted the seventh annual DPL six-a-side cricket day, in conjunction with the potjiekos competition. This project was started in memory of a Tabler, Dean Pedro, and is still a day when local people celebrate his life.

Eight teams competed, with the Newden Dragons claiming the top spot, the Rance Timber Lumberjacks were runners-up, the Robcaw Rebels in third place and thereafter, in order, Bolo Barflies, Eck Baulers, Team Noddy, PnP and The Pole Slingers (Stutt Poles).

Round Table has thanked businesses that were prepared to enter a team and helped to make the day possible.

The potjiekos competition was also a great success, with awesome prizes sponsored by Lentz Properties, Optimum Security and Tyndall Meats. In third place was Team Noddy and defending champions Rance Timber Lumberjacks had to give up the title and settle for second place.

The Pole Slingers were crowned DPL Potjiekos Champs 2018, with a nearly perfect score from the judges.



**HOWZAT! The Newden Dragons won the six-a-side cricket tourney hosted by Round Table in Stutterheim recently**

Other sponsors included Clinton and Tyrone Schwartz, Big Daddy's Liquor, PnP, Rance Timber, CJ Scholes & Son, Stutterheim Country Club and Electrical Worx.

**WHITTLESEA** – The government, working with community members in the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) and the police will continue to intensify the fight against the abuse of women and children in the country, the public works minister Thulas Nxesi said at the weekend.

Nxesi, speaking to community members in Whittlesea in the Eastern Cape, acknowledged the work done by all South Africans in the fight against the abuse of women and children, but said more needed to be done by all to fight "against this cancer of abuse of children and women".

He handed over a vehicle to the Nomaxabiso non-profit organisation. The vehicle will assist the NPO to do its work of supporting women and children who are survivors of abuse.

The vehicle handover ceremony was part of a report-back session on the implementation of commitments made by President Cyril Ramaphosa when he visited the area last year.

"President Ramaphosa sent us to give this vehicle to you, the people of Whittlesea, which you can use as you work with the police and community in the fight against the abuse of women and children in the area."

He lashed out at men who were abusing women and children.

"Real men don't abuse women and children. Real men respect women and children. Real men love and protect women and children. Real men love and protect their community."

The event was attended by government leadership from national, provincial and local spheres, including public works MEC Pemmy Majodina, mayors and chiefs.

The event took place on the eve of the annual 16 days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence.

**CATHCART** – Sister Rose Farao, the registered nurse in charge of frail care at Callie Evens Lodge, was the recipient of the Brad Lee Memorial Trophy for outstanding service to the community of Cathcart at the Henderson Farmers' Association dinner recently.

Farao is Cathcart born and bred. She completed her nursing training at Frere Nursing College, obtaining her diploma in general nursing in 1986, and her diploma in midwifery in 1989.

She worked at Cathcart Hospital and remembers those days with great fondness.

In February 1995 she was employed as the registered nurse in charge of frail care at Callie Evens Lodge and so began an era of service to the Cathcart community which is still continuing today. She has been a pillar of continuity at the Lodge through many heads of home and management committees.

The wellbeing of Callie Evens Lodge is dear to her and she has served sacrificially to maintain the caring and professionalism through many ups and downs that the Lodge has experienced.

Rose is in touch with the wider community of Cathcart which gives her insight into the lives of the staff and residents.

In addition to this, Rose has been a single mother since the death of her husband in 1997, to



**HAVING FUN: The Round Table social evening combined with a wine tasting of Darling Cellar Wines was held at Callie Evens Lodge recently**  
Picture: SUPPLIED

Mario, Gershwin and Dylan.

Gershwin has completed a degree in graphic art and is currently working as a graphic artist in advertising in Johannesburg. Dylan is qualified in marketing and business management and also working in Johannesburg.

Rose has provided a home for many extended family members who needed the support of a stable influence and she continues to be a source of uncompromising strength for many in the community and is an active member of the Anglican Church.

**THE** Round Table social evening, which was combined with a wine tasting of Darling Cellar wines

presented by Irene Pontikakis and an art exhibition of local artists' work, was a resounding success.

Several Round Tablers' and their families attended with United Kingdom visitors, the Cathcart community and the residents.

Between Lynne and Caitlyn Purdon's décor and Sally Whyte and Diana Kemp's art skills on display, the community was treated to a wonderful atmosphere. Andrew Smith auctioned the accommodation vouchers for Trennery's and Morgan Bay Hotel. The funds raised will enable the purchase of a new oven for the Lodge which is very much needed.



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