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## Our Ward Matters: Turning Broken Roads into Community Pride

**Rustenburg** – A cleaner, safer, more beautiful Ward 17 is taking shape, thanks to the dedicated Our Ward Matters (OWM) team — and the incredible support from the local community.

From potholes and overgrowth to sand-clogged drains, the OWM team continues to tackle infrastructure issues head-on. Week after week, their updates show visible progress — and this week was no different.

Led by OWM founder André van Dyk and Ward Councillor Tanya Rothman, the team includes Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) workers, committed volunteers, and residents determined to bring lasting change to their streets.

### Pothole project update – as of 29 May 2025:

- 493 potholes closed
- 455 asphalt bags used
- 510 asphalt bags purchased in total
- 136 hours worked across 17 days on the ground

### Progress made in:

- Rivers Area (biggest focus)
- Dachill and Cuckoo Avenues
- Frederick Avenue
- Azaleapark
- Selly Park

"Every pothole closed is thanks to the generosity and support of our community," says André. "Your donations are making a real, visible difference."

### Rivers area focus – 4 June update:

- 4 potholes closed in Saltrivier
- 11 potholes closed at the bottom of Visrivier
- 9 potholes repaired at Rhinorivier's entrance using 10 asphalt bags
- Road cleared of sand and rocks at Rhinorivier entrance
- Overgrown grass manually removed
- Storm drains cleaned to prevent blockages

### WANT TO HELP?

Bank: FNB Rustenburg Mall

- Account Name: Our Ward Matters
- Account Number: 63038972641
- Branch Code: 258055
- Reference: Pothole + Your Street
- Proof of payment: vandykandre07@gmail.com

To volunteer, contact André on 076 057 1669, or Ilse on 078 258 6620. Let's build a cleaner, safer, more beautiful Rustenburg — together!

Tadaa! A fresh patch and a smoother ride — proof that local action works.



The Our Ward Matters crew hard at work in the Rivers Area. From left: Emanuel, Mfundo Ntiangano, Billy Bothasitse, Labious Mokgathe, Tanya Rothman, Michael Rothman, and André van Dyk.