



Bafokeng Magistrates Court in Tlhabane – declared unsafe, it was briefly closed, forcing some cases to be postponed under a tree before reopening on 1 September 2025.

Justice under a tree?

Tlhabane – The Bafokeng Magistrates Court in Tlhabane was abruptly closed on Wednesday, 20 August 2025, after inspectors declared the building unsafe for both staff and the public. The inspection revealed that the structure was in a dire condition, leading to an immediate shutdown. The closure caused major disruptions. Dozens of cases were postponed, leaving detainees to wait longer behind bars while their families continued to shoulder the burden of legal fees. In a scene described as surreal and deeply troubling, court proceedings were reduced to being conducted outside under a tree — only to postpone matters to later dates. The good news, however, is that the court confirmed it resumed operations on Monday, 1 September 2025. Still, the temporary shutdown highlighted just how fragile access to justice can become when infrastructure is neglected.



The hardworking *Our Ward Matters* team proudly wrapping up the 2 Sept clean-up.

From piles of rubbish to a spotless space — all thanks to teamwork!

Yellow bags, BIG impact: Rustenburg’s OWM on the move!

Rustenburg – From bush cutting to clothing donations, *Our Ward Matters* (OWM) is proving that teamwork and care make our community a brighter, safer place. Led by André van Dyk and Cllr Tanya Rothman, and supported by their EPWP team, the initiative serves both Ward 17 and Ward 16 (Geelhoutpark).

27 August – Clean-Up Success
Thanks to the RLM Waste Department, a skip was delivered between Springbokpark and

Impalapak Complex, arranged by Cllr Rothman. The OWM team filled it with branches and also tackled Tortelduif: cutting grass, removing wild trees, clearing roads, and blowing the streets clean. The clean-up effort removed more than 100 bags of rubbish.

29 August – Our Ward Cares
Two donated beds found their way to a grateful family in Rivers, where children had been sleeping on the floor. Handover was done by Ilse du Preez.

1–2 September – Drive & Clean-Ups
The OWM team tackled litter and illegal dumping across Ward 17 and Geelhoutpark: Timbati veld, Rivers area, Helen Joseph, Tuscany Garage, Mike’s Kitchen, Waterfall Mall, R24, Azaleapark, Voëltjie Park, and more. The team collected over 120 bags of litter.

WANT TO HELP?
Contact André (076 057 1669), Ilse (078 258 6620), or Ronel (072 854 8965).
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Together, we clean. Together, we care. Together, Our Ward Matters.



Water Quality A Key Focus of Magalies Water’s Service Excellence

Magalies Water is a well-established water board responsible for operating the Vaalkop Treatment Plant. The treatment plant is equipped with advanced water treatment technologies to purify raw water to potable water standards. Specifically, drinking water produced by Magalies Water from this scheme is measured against the SANS 241 Drinking Water Standard specifications. The water utility implements comprehensive risk assessments supported by tailored incident management protocols and risk-based monitoring programmes to identify problematic parameters timeously, allowing for the immediate implementation of remedial corrective actions to address and mitigate risks. Routine monitoring of water quality is conducted through an ISO/IEC 17025:2017 accredited laboratory, ensuring the reliability of the results produced.

The produced water gets distributed to Moses Kotane and Rustenburg Local Municipalities through distribution networks that connect from the Vaalkop Treatment Plant. Based on risk indices, SANS 241 categorises water quality according to potential health impact, which includes Acute Health 1, Acute Health 2, Chronic Health risk, Operational risk, and Aesthetic risk. The overall performance of the Vaalkop WTW, along with Moses Kotane and Rustenburg Local Municipalities, for the period April 2025 to June 2025 is summarised in Table 1.

Table 1: Water quality profile for the Vaalkop WTW, Moses Kotane, and Rustenburg LM from April 2025 to June 2025.

Risk Category	SANS 241 Limit	Vaalkop WTW	Moses Kotane LM	Rustenburg LM
Acute Health 1	≥99%	100%	100%	100%
Acute Health 2	≥99%	100%	100%	100%
Chronic Health	≥97%	97.63%	99.25%	98.91%
Operational	≥95%	91.45%	92.32%	87.03%
Aesthetic	≥95%	99.80%	100%	99.84%

As summarized in Table 1, it is evident that the water produced and supplied by Magalies Water to Rustenburg and the Moses Kotane Local Municipality meets and exceeds the minimum requirements for health-related indicators, with minimal operational challenges. The water quality is acceptable and suitable for human consumption. The compliance with water quality standards exceeded the SANS 241 targets for all health risk indices that can impact consumer health and water aesthetics. The raw water quality over the last decade has deteriorated drastically, and this could be attributed to upstream catchment activities, which lead to the ingress of contaminants and nutrient enrichment into the Vaalkop Dam. The Vaalkop Dam is highly eutrophic, which has led to algal bloom and water hyacinth coverage of the dam. Magalies Water, along with the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) and stakeholders, are evaluating resource management strategies in a quest to protect the catchment

As a countermeasure to poor raw water quality, the water utility has invested in robust technologies, including the addition of advanced technologies such as chlorine dioxide, to ensure water quality compliance while minimizing operational risk. The operational non-compliance, particularly the turbidity non-conformances at both the treatment system and the municipal distribution system, can be attributed to multiple factors, such as aging infrastructure, demand management strategies, and poor raw water quality.

However, through our risk-based water quality monitoring programme and incident management protocol, as well as innovative technological applications at our treatment works, Magalies Water remains committed to supplying drinking water that is fit for human consumption.



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RUSTENBURG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY INVITATION FOR PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS



ERRATUM

BID NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION	REASON FOR ERRATUM	CLOSING DATE AND TIME
RLM/OMM/0156/2024/25 Re-advert - Appointment of a contractor for the replacement of Tlhabane AC sewer pipes phase 2B	To allow bidders to read the specifications and submit a comprehensive quotation Bidders must download the corrected document named "Tlhabane AC sewer pipes phase 2B -002"	DATE 23 September 2025 TIME 09:00
RLM/DTIS/0153/2024/25 Appointment of one or more service providers for the hiring of trucks and construction machinery as and when required for a period of three years (36 months)	To allow bidders to read the specifications and submit a comprehensive quotation Bidders must download the corrected document named "hiring of trucks and construction machinery -002"	DATE 22 September 2025 TIME 09:00
RLM/DRT/0170/2024/25 - Appointment of a contractor for the construction of Rustenburg rapid transport stations superstructures zone B (turnkey solution) for 10 months	To allow bidders to read the specifications and submit a comprehensive quotation Bidders must download the corrected document named "Rustenburg rapid transport stations superstructures zone B -002"	DATE 09 October 2025 TIME 10:00

- Bidders must submit both a hard copy document and an electronic tender document in the form of a clearly marked USB. (Bidders will be disqualified for not submitting a USB with scanned bid documentation)
- Bid documents must be in a sealed packaging clearly marked with the bid number and description, must be placed in the bid box in the foyer of the Municipal offices, Missionary Mpheni House, Beyers Naude Drive, Rustenburg not later than the prescribed closing date, where after the bids will be opened in public at the Municipal offices.
- All bids will be evaluated in accordance with the Supply Chain Policy of the Rustenburg Local Municipality, PPPFA 2022 and other related legislations. Bids will remain valid for 90 days.
- The lowest or any bid will not be necessarily accepted, and the municipality reserves the right to accept the whole or part of any bid. The municipality reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities as indicated in the technical specifications. A market analysis conducted will be taken into consideration to ensure right procurement and quality service delivery.
- Tender submission must comply with the instruction note (Tender Completion and Attachment of Mandatory Documents) as well as all other additional tendering condition and requirements stated in the tender document.
- Objections or complaints must be submitted in writing to the Municipal Manager at the address stated, and must contain the following:
 - reasons and/or grounds for the objection or complaint.
 - the way in which the objector or complainant's rights have been affected; and
 - the remedy sought by the objector or complainant
- Any objection or complaint must reach the Municipal Manager with a 14-day period after award has been made. Late objections or complaints will not be entertained.
- Submissions which fail to adhere to all the requirements and instructions stated on this advert, E-tender advert, CIDB Website for CIDB tenders as well as the tender document will lead to disqualification.
- Should there be any contradictions between the information on this advert and the information in the tender document, then the information on this advert will take precedence.
- Rustenburg Local Municipality will not accept late bids.
- The bid price validity is 90 days.
- Rustenburg Local Municipality will not accept documents which are not in envelopes and clearly marked with the bid number and description.

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