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PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF THE 132 KILOVOLT (KV) MICROGRID PROJECT FOR NORTHAM PLATINUM LIMITED - ZONDEREINDE MINE.

Notice is hereby given of the application for an Environmental Authorisation ("EA") in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998 (NEMA)), and the Environmental Impact Assessment ("EIA") Regulations, 2014 ("2014 EIA Regulations"), as amended for the proposed Zondereinde Mine 132kV Microgrid Project and its associated infrastructure.

Proponent: Northam Platinum Ltd, (registration number 1977/003282/06) owns and operates the existing Zondereinde Mine and associated processing facility (hereinafter referred to as Zondereinde).

Project Description: Zondereinde is required to urgently develop a 132kV overhead transmission line (OHTL) network, featuring two single (double) circuits, to support the privately owned microgrid at Zondereinde. The OHTL will connect the planned Concentrator Plant and Smelter Substations to the existing electrical network as part of the broader Zondereinde power infrastructure upgrade. The project also features the installation of two additional substations, transformers and its associated infrastructures at the concentrator plant and at the Smelter.

Property Description: The proposed 132 Kilovolt (kV) will traverse Portion 3 of the Remaining Extent (RE) of the Farm Elandsfontein 386 KQ and Portions 0(RE) and 2 of the Farm Zondereinde 384 KQ within the larger Zondereinde Mine Mining Right Area. The Zondereinde Mining Right Boundary is located approximately 16 km northeast of the town of Northam and 25km south of the town of Thabazimbi. It is located within the Thabazimbi Local Municipality, within the jurisdiction of the Waterberg District Municipality in the Limpopo Province.

Activities applied for: Application has been made for an EA authorising the following activities, as listed in terms of the NEMA and the 2014 EIA Regulations (as amended):
Listing Notice 1 of 2014 (GN 983): Activity 11, 12, and 27
Listing Notice 3 of 2014 (GN 985): Activity 4, and 14 and 18.

Availability of the Draft Basic Assessment Report: The Draft Basic Assessment Report ("**DBAR**") will be available for public review for a period of 30 days from 9 November 2026. Electronic copies of the DBAR are available on request from JEMS Pty Ltd (details below). Hard copies of the DBAR will be available at the Northam and Thabazimbi Local Libraries and at the Zondereinde Mine and Smelter Security Office.

Stakeholder Involvement: Stakeholders are invited to register as Interested and Affected Parties and participate in the application process by identifying issues of concern and suggestions for consideration in the technical studies. Please submit your written comments by mail, fax or email within 30 days to Stephan Barkhuizen / Tommy Olivier at:

JEMS Pty Ltd | Tel number: 082 521 8870/ 083 776 7898 | Postal address: 800 Acres, Pearl Valley, Paarl, 7646 | Email: stephan@jems.co.za / tommy@jems.co.za / info@jems.co.za | Date of Notice: 5 November 2026

KENNISGEWING VAN AANSOEK VIR DIE ONDERVERDELING INGEVOLGE ARTIKEL16(12)(a)(iii) VAN DIE THABAZIMBI PLAASLIKE MUNISIPALITEIT VERORDENING OP GRONDGEBRUIK BESTUUR, 2015.

Ons, Lombard Du Preez Professionele Landmeters (Edms.) Bpk. (Reg. Nr.: 1996/001771/07), synde die applikant vir die voorgestelde onderverdelingsaansoek van Die Restant van die plaas Steendal 178-KP, gee hiermee ingevolge artikel 16(12)(a)(iii) van die Thabazimbi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit se Verordening op Grondgebruikbestuur, 2015, kennis dat ons by die Thabazimbi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit aansoek gedoen het vir die voorgestelde onderverdeling van Die Restant van die plaas Steendal 178-KP. Die eiendom is geleë ongeveer 20km Noord-Wes van Dwaalboom, by die volgende koördinate 24° 39' 14,45" S en 26° 36' 52,76" E. Die onderverdeling van die Restant van Steendal No.178-KP, het reeds goedgekeuring ontvang in terme van Wet 70 van 1970 van die Nasionale Departement van Landbou.

Die onderverdeling sal lei tot die verdeling van 1051 hektaar, wat die groote van die Restant van Steendal No.178-KP voorstel, as volg:

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Enige beswaar(s) en/of kommentaar, met inbegrip van die gronde vir sodanige beswaar(s) en/of kommentaar, tesame met volledige kontakbesonderhede, waarsonder die Munisipaliteit nie met die persoon of liggaam wat die beswaar(s) en/of kommentaar indien, kan korrespondeer nie, moet vanaf 06 November 2026 skriftelik by die volgende adres ingedien word of daaraan gerig word: Thabazimbi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, Privaatsak X350, Thabazimbi 0380, Tel: 014 772 2295. Volledige besonderhede en planne (indien enige) kan gedurende normale kantoorure by die Munisipale kantore, soos hieronder aangedui, besigtig word vir 'n tydperk van 28 dae vanaf die datum van eerste publikasie van die kennisgewing op die terrein en in die plaaslike koerante. **Adres van Munisipale kantore:** 7 Rietbokstraat Munisipale Kantore. Sluitingsdatum vir enige besware: **04 Desember 2026**.

Adres van applikant: LOMBARD DU PREEZ Professionele Landmeters (Edms.) Bpk. Posbus 798, Brits, 0250 (76 Van Veldenstraat)

Tel.: (012) 252 5959 | **E-pos:** losurvey@mweb.co.za.

Datums waarop kennisgewing gepubliseer sal word:
06 November 2026 en 13 November 2026

Diesel spill leaves a clean-up trail



Responders cleaned up spilled diesel near Thabazimbi Golf Club to reduce the risk of accidents.

Platinum Bushvelder newspaper | Thabazimbi – A diesel trailer overturned on the railway bridge near Thabazimbi Golf Club on Tuesday 27 October 2026, prompting an emergency response and an environmental clean-up.

The trailer was being towed by a bakkie travelling towards Northam. No other vehicles were involved, and the cause of the incident is under investigation.

Wildmed Emergency Services arrived at 13:42 to help manage the scene and prevent further accidents. Diesel had spilled from the trailer, with some flowing off the bridge into a feeder pipe. According to Wildmed, the soil covering the bridge embankments was not contaminated, but affected soil elsewhere would require rehabilitation. Drizit Environmental was called in from Johannesburg to handle the spill. The rehabilitation process involved removing contaminated sand, soil and stones and securing them in containers to prevent further contamination. The material was transported to a treatment plant for cleaning, and fresh sand used to replace what was removed. The response also included the TLM Waterberg District Fire Department, Thabazimbi Traffic Department and representatives of the company that owned the trailer.

Wildmed Emergency Services press release extracts

TAR REALLY NEEDS YOUR HELP

Thabazimbi – There is a special plea to the community of Thabazimbi to support Thabazimbi Animal Rescue (TAR), your local animal shelter. TAR needs donations of food. The facility is filled with animals that need your help. Please assist TAR to feed the animals in their care. Without donations they will not be able to feed, home and medically treat the animals.

The community has proven time and again how they can stand together and support this worthy cause and this time is no exception.

For more information, please contact TAR on 084 885 6487.

Copper cut, freedom lost: 12 YEARS EACH



Mike Moyo (22) and Tinetenda Sthole (21) were each sentenced to an effective 12 years' imprisonment following the cutting of railway electricity cables.

Platinum Bushvelder newspaper | Thabazimbi – Two men who cut overhead copper cables supplying electricity for railway operations have each been sentenced to an effective 12 years behind bars.

According to Limpopo SAPS spokesperson colonel Malesela Ledwaba, the Thabazimbi Regional Court sentenced Mike Moyo (22) and Tinetenda Sthole (21) on 27 October 2026 for tampering with essential infrastructure, theft of non-ferrous metal and entering South Africa without a passport.

The convictions follow an incident on 11 October 2023, when the pair unlawfully cut railway electricity cables. The damaged infrastructure was valued at approximately R230,000. Each man received 10 years' imprisonment for tampering with essential infrastructure, 10 years for metal theft and two years for entering the country without a passport. The court ordered the two 10-year sentences to run concurrently, with the additional two-year sentence served separately, bringing each man's effective prison term to 12 years.

The Economic Infrastructure Task Team, led by warrant officer Samuel Temane, investigated the case and secured the evidence that led to the convictions.

Limpopo provincial commissioner lieutenant general Jan Scheepers welcomed the sentences, stressing that infrastructure crimes harm the economy, public services and communities that depend on reliable infrastructure.

APPLICATION IN TERMS OF SECTION 16(3) OF THE THABAZIMBI LAND USE MANAGEMENT BY-LAW, 2015 - IN ORDER TO CONSTRUCT A CELLULAR TELEPHONE MAST AND BASE STATION ON PORTION 2B OF THE FARM ZWARTKOP NO.369-KQ.

Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned, **Bongani Beetha** from the firm SiphilaSonke Development Group (Pty) Ltd, has applied to the Thabazimbi Local Municipality, in terms of Section 16(3) of the Thabazimbi Land Use Management By-Law, 2015 for the approval of consent use in order to construct a cellular telephone mast and base station on **Portion 2B of the Farm Zwartkop No. 369-KQ.**

Particulars and plans of this application may be inspected during normal office hours at the Thabazimbi Local Municipality at 7 Rietbok Street, Thabazimbi, 0380 or at the address of the applicant [Siphilasonke Development Group (Pty) Ltd] at 86 Skilpad Road, Monument Park, Pretoria, 0028.

Any person or persons who wish to object to the approval of this application must lodge such objection **in writing**, together with the grounds thereof, to the Manager, Town Planning, Thabazimbi Local Municipality, Private Bag X530 and with the applicant no later than **30 November 2026.**

First date of advertisement: 30 October 2026
Second date of advertisement: 6 November 2026
Objection expiry date: 30 November 2026

AANSOEK INGEVOLGE ARTIKEL16(3) VAN DIE THABAZIMBI-GRONDGEBRUIKBESTUURVERORDENING, 2015 – VIR DIE OPRIGTING VAN 'N SELFOONMAST EN BASISSTASIE OP GEDEELTE 2B VAN DIE PLAAS ZWARTKOP NR. 369-KQ.

Hiermee word kennis gegee dat ek, die ondergetekende, **Bongani Beetha**, van die firma SiphilaSonke Development Group (Edms.) Bpk., by die Thabazimbi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit aansoek gedoen het ingevolge Artikel 16(3) van die Thabazimbi-Grondgebruikbestuursverordening, 2015, om goedkeuring vir toestemminggebruik te verkry ten einde 'n selfoonmast en basisstasie op **Gedeelte 2B van die Plaas Zwartkop Nr. 369-KQ** op te rig.

Besonderhede en planne van hierdie aansoek kan gedurende normale kantoorure by die Thabazimbi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit te Rietbokstraat 7, Thabazimbi, 0380, of by die aansoeker se adres, SiphilaSonke Development Group (Edms.) Bpk., Skilpadweg 86, Monument Park, Pretoria, 0028, besigtig word.

Enige persoon of persone wat beswaar wil aanteken teen die goedkeuring van hierdie aansoek, moet sodanige beswaar **skriftelik**, tesame met die redes daarvoor, by die Bestuurder: Stadsbeplanning, Thabazimbi Plaaslike Munisipaliteit, Privaatsak X530, indien, asook by die aansoeker, nie later nie as **30 November 2026**.

Eerste datum van advertensie: 30 Oktober 2026
Tweede datum van advertensie: 6 November 2026
Vervaldatum vir besware: 30 November 2026

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Our Ref: ZALI0010 Chrome Mine

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENCE IN TERMS OF SECTION 28(1)(C)

Limpopo Liquor Act, 2009 (Act No. 5 of 2009)
Regulation 8

I, the undersigned applicant hereby give notice in terms of section 28(1)(c) that an application for a liquor licence will be lodged with the Waterberg district Local Liquor Authority. In terms of section 28(2)(b) of the Act, you may lodge an objection to the application. The objection form is obtainable from the above-mentioned Local Liquor Authority. Objections must be submitted to the aforesaid Local Liquor Authority within 21 days from the date of lodgement of the application.

1: Full names the applicant: Nico van Heerden
2: Intended trading name: Ubunye Game Lodge
3: Identity number or registration number of the applicant: 76 03 29 5178 085
4.1: Full address and location of the premises: Portion 5 and Portion 378 of the Farm Kromdraai 560 KQ, Thabazimbi District
4.2: Global positioning system (GPS) coordinates of the property where the retail operations are to be carried out.
LATITUDE: degrees, minutes, seconds: 24° 58' 51.0" S
LONGITUDE: degrees, minutes, seconds: 27° 52' 54.8" E
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COPPER CABLE THIEVES' PLANS CUT SHORT

Platinum Bushvelder newspaper | Northam – Two men convicted of tampering with essential infrastructure and stealing copper cables at a mine in Northam have been sentenced to effective prison terms of 15 and 12 years. The Thabazimbi Regional Court sentenced Gilbert Shishonge and Josefa Semango on Monday 26 October 2026 on charges involving infrastructure tampering, metal theft, trespassing and, in Shishonge's case, immigration offences.

The convictions stem from an incident on 3 January 2026 at approximately 21:00, when a group of suspects unlawfully entered the mine's underground workings through an illegal opening. They cut copper cables essential to mining operations and attempted to steal them. Mine security personnel apprehended the suspects shortly after the offence. Copper cable with an estimated value of R337,250 was recovered.

The case docket was subsequently referred to the Essential Infrastructure Task Team. Warrant officer Samuel Temane investigated the matter, and his diligent work helped secure the successful prosecution.

Shishonge was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment for tampering with essential infrastructure and a further 15 years for theft of ferrous or non-ferrous metal. He also received two years for entering South Africa without a passport, two years for failing to enter through a designated port of entry, and two years for trespassing.

Semango was sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment for tampering with essential infrastructure, 12 years for theft of ferrous or non-ferrous metal, and two years for trespassing. The court ordered all sentences for each man to run concurrently, resulting in effective prison terms of 15 years for Shishonge and 12 years for Semango.

Limpopo provincial police commissioner lieutenant general Jan Scheepers welcomed the convictions and sentences, stressing that the theft and destruction of essential infrastructure negatively affect economic activity and industries that contribute significantly to the country's development.



Warrant officer Samuel Temane, whose investigation helped secure the convictions in the Northam mine copper cable theft case.



Gilbert Shishonge and Josefa Semango received effective prison terms of 15 and 12 years respectively for crimes involving copper cable theft at a mine in Northam.

Farm robbery trio due back in court

Platinum Bushvelder newspaper | Thabazimbi – The case against three men accused of an armed robbery at a farm outside Thabazimbi has been postponed to Thursday, 5 November 2026.

Jerry Nkosi, Simphiwe Ndlovu and Manuel Langa face charges including robbery with aggravating circumstances and possession of stolen property. They are due to appear again in the Thabazimbi Magistrates' Court. The charges stem from a robbery on 2 June 2026. According to police, men allegedly armed with firearms and wearing balaclavas robbed customers queuing to purchase goods at the farm before fleeing towards Brits in a red VW Polo.

A coordinated operation involving SAPS, private security companies, rural safety structures and RPL camera operators from Thabazimbi, Koedoeskop and Brits led to the trio's arrest at Blou Bul Padstal.

Police recovered two firearms, an undisclosed amount of cash and a wallet containing an identity document, driver's licence and bank cards belonging to one of the victims. The VW Polo allegedly used in the robbery was also seized.

Mall rape case: wait for justice continues

Platinum Bushvelder newspaper | Thabazimbi – The case against Lazurus Mabotsane (54), who is accused of raping a 15-year-old girl at a local mall, has been postponed again, this time to 27 January 2027.

The matter was previously scheduled for 30 October 2026 for further investigation. Mabotsane was granted bail of R500 during an earlier appearance in the Thabazimbi Magistrates' Court.

The charge stems from an alleged incident on Thursday, 30 April 2026. According to information previously provided by Limpopo SAPS spokesperson colonel Malesela Ledwaba, the girl had gone to the restroom when she allegedly encountered the accused near the exit. He allegedly forced her into the men's restroom, where the reported rape occurred.

The allegations against Mabotsane have yet to be tested in court.

COURT NO-SHOW: ACCUSED STILL AT LARGE

Platinum Bushvelder newspaper | Thabazimbi – A man accused of inappropriately touching a primary school child remains at large after failing to attend court. A warrant has been issued for his arrest, but no arrest has yet been made, as on 4 November 2026.

The accused failed to appear in the Thabazimbi Magistrates' Court on 19 October 2026, prompting the issuing of the warrant and the forfeiture of his R5,000 bail.

He had also missed a court appearance on 29 September, after which the matter was postponed to 19 October. The accused previously appeared in court on 24 and 28 August and was granted bail. The allegations relate to him allegedly touching the child's breasts and buttocks.

The allegations have not been proven in court, and the accused remains presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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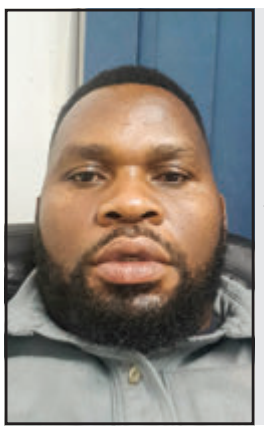
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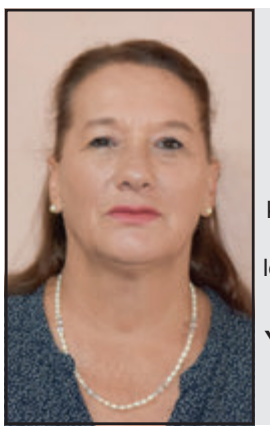
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"Yes, I enjoy sitting down to dinner together at a table."

Ben Matoti, Northam



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Yolanda Erasmus, Thabazimbi

PUBLIC POLL: THE RESULTS ARE IN!

NO 36% YES 64%

Is a Sunday afternoon nap a necessity?

POLL

Sunday lunch is over, the couch is calling, and those eyelids are getting heavy. For some, a snooze is a treasured weekend ritual; others would rather make the most of their afternoon. Is a Sunday nap essential, or can you happily skip it? Here's how you can participate. Email us at news@platinumbushvelder.co.za or WhatsApp your response to 081 579 7000.

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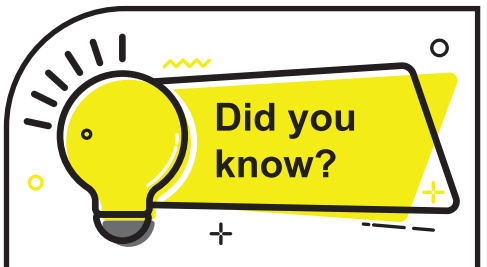
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Dust, determination and championship dreams! The Northam Zondereinde Bushveld 400 brings the final round of the 2026 South African Rally-Raid Championship to Thabazimbi. With podium places and several championship titles still undecided, expect fierce competition as leading drivers and navigators tackle the season's last challenge.

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Winning moves, proud smiles! Damasa's Elite Hip Hop group claimed first place at the SA Dance School Championships. From left: Sermei Bornman, Leane Oosthuizen, Danell Maree, Aliyah Fernandes, Kgolagano Oagile, Isabella Ferreira and Chere van Zyl.

Damasa dancers step up and steal the show

Platinum Bushvelder newspaper | Thabazimbi – Damasa Dance School's Elite Hip Hop group danced their way to first place at the SA Dance School Championships, proudly flying Limpopo's flag at Lewende Woord in Centurion from 7 to 10 October 2026.

The group's winning performance was among several standout achievements for the school, with dancers earning top placings across hip hop, lyrical, contemporary, ballet, acro and musical theatre. Kgolagano Oagile also claimed first place in hip hop, while Chere van Zyl finished second. Kgolagano and Danell Maree secured second place for their hip hop duet, with Clarissa and Anika Niemand taking second in the lyrical duet category. The championship success followed an impressive showing at the Limpopo Amateur Dance Festival in Modimolle, which brings together dance schools from across the province. Damasa's Elite Hip Hop group received the Highest Scoring Overall Group and Best Choreography awards, recognising both the dancers' performances and the creativity behind their routines.

Damasa dance instructor Dajana Rijetkovic Havenga praised the dancers for holding their own against strong competition. "As tough as this competition was, with incredible dancers from all over Gauteng and other regions, I am so proud of our girls. They really represented Limpopo and our studio with pride and passion!"

SA DANCE SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

First and second places

- **Kgolagano Oagile:** First in hip hop.
- **Elite Hip Hop group:** First in hip hop. Members are Chere van Zyl, Sermei Bornman, Aliyah Fernandes, Leane Oosthuizen, Kgolagano Oagile, Danell Maree and Isabella Ferreira.
- **Clarissa and Anika Niemand:** Second in lyrical duet.
- **Chere van Zyl:** Second in hip hop.
- **Kgolagano Oagile and Danell Maree:** Second in hip hop duet.

Further competitive section results

- **Alice Jarman:** Fourth in hip hop.
- **Martelize Groenewald:** Fourth in ballet.
- **Leane Oosthuizen:** Fifth in acro and fifth in musical theatre.
- **Isabella Ferreira:** Fifth in hip hop.
- **Danell Maree:** Sixth in hip hop and 15th in contemporary.
- **Elite Contemporary Trio — Martelize Groenewald, Leane Oosthuizen and Danell Maree:** Sixth in contemporary.
- **Mi-Anke Balani:** Sixth in acro and seventh in lyrical.
- **Lounelle du Plessis:** Eighth in acro.
- **Anika Niemand:** 10th in lyrical.
- **Sermei Bornman:** 14th in contemporary.


André Coetzee het die topdrie afgerond met 'n sakgewig van 37,33 kg.

Yolanda Erasmus het die swaarste sak ingeweeg, met 'n totale vangsgewig van 48,47 kg.


Ruben du Plessis spog met sy mooi karp van 5,45 kg.


Klein karpie, groot vreugde: Johan du Preez met sy vangs van 1,03 kg.

Andrew Stander het met 'n sakgewig van 45,76 kg die tweede plek verower.


'n Vangs om op trots te wees! Liane du Plessis met die karp van 5,72 kg waarmee sy haar persoonlike beste verbeter het.


Aiden Coetzee met sy stewige karp van 5,40 kg — beslis 'n vangslag wat 'n glimlag verdien.

Groot sakke, blink oë en nuwe hengelrekords

Platinum Bushvelder koerant | Thabazimbi – Die lyne was styf en die opwinding groot toe Thabazimbi Hengelklub se lede op 24 en 25 Oktober 2026 hul geluk tydens 'n oornag-hengelkompetisie by 'n plaasdam beproef het. Goeie vangste en nuwe persoonlike bestes het gesorg dat dié naweek nog lank om die viswaters onthou sal word.

Yolanda Erasmus het eerste geëindig in die afdeling vir die swaarste sak, met 'n totale vangsgewig van 48,47 kg. Andrew Stander was tweede met 45,76 kg, gevolg deur André Coetzee met 37,33 kg.

Die jong hengelaars het ook gewys dat groot vangste nie net vir die grootmense beskore is nie. Liane du Plessis het haar persoonlike beste verbeter met 'n karp van 5,72 kg, terwyl Ruben du Plessis 'n mooi karp van 5,45 kg geland het. Johan du Preez het met sy karpie van 1,03 kg ook in die hengelpret gedeel.

Aiden Coetzee het op sy beurt 'n stewige karp van 5,40 kg uitgetrek. Hoewel dit nie sy persoonlike beste was nie, was daar oorgenoeg rede vir 'n breë glimlag.

Tussen die inkatrol en opweeg was daar volop tyd vir saamkuier en die deel van hengelstories. Die naweek het gewys dat die lekkerste herinneringe soms saam met 'n vis aan die lyn begin.

Belangstellendes wat by die klub wil aansluit, kan voorsitter Rassie Erasmus by 072 456 8411 of sekretaresse Janine Koekemoer by 081 715 9835 kontak.


Thabazimbi XKT se span ná hul suksesvolle deelname aan Battle in the East. Agter van links: Jennifer Branders, senpai Willem Henning, sensei Chris Pretorius, sensei Justin Olivier en Diwan van den Berg. In die middel: Xander Pretorius en Cate Fortune, met JJ Swart voor hulle. Heel voor, van links: Carli-Ann Pretorius, Devandre Nepgen, en Matthew van Niekerk.

XKT skop stof in Johannesburg se oë

Platinum Bushvelder koerant | Thabazimbi – Met nege goue, nege silwer- en agt bronsmedaljes het Thabazimbi XKT Kickboxing se atlete gewys hulle staan hul man op die kompetisievloer. Die span het op Saterdag 24 Oktober 2026 aan Battle in the East in Johannesburg deelgeneem. Altesaam 30 klubs was in aksie, met meer as 250 gevegte wat gedurende die kompetisie beslis is. Carli-Ann Pretorius het met drie goue medaljes uitgeblink, terwyl Xander Pretorius vier medaljes oor verskillende afdelings ingepalm het. Die span se gesamentlike oes van 26 medaljes het gesorg vir 'n trotse terugkeer huis toe.

Die volledige uitslae is:

- **Devandre Nepgen:** Brons in die punte-afdeling, Continuous Fighting en Kick Light.
- **Matthew van Niekerk:** Brons in die punte-afdeling en Continuous Fighting.
- **Roald van den Berg:** Brons in die punte-afdeling en Continuous Fighting.
- **Diwan van den Berg:** Silwer in die punte-afdeling, Continuous Fighting en Kick Light.
- **Carli-Ann Pretorius:** Goud in die punte-afdeling, Continuous Fighting en Kick Light.
- **Xander Pretorius:** Goud in die punte-afdeling en Hard Style Weapons, silwer in Continuous Fighting en brons in Kick Light.
- **JJ Swart:** Silwer in Continuous Fighting.
- **Cate Fortune:** Silwer in die punte-afdeling.
- **Jennifer Branders:** Goud in die punte-afdeling en Kick Light, en silwer in Continuous Fighting.
- **Justin Olivier:** Silwer in K1.
- **Willem Henning:** Goud in K1 en Continuous Fighting.

Die atlete is deur sensei Chris Pretorius, sensei Justin Olivier en senpai Willem Henning vir die kompetisie voorberei. Agter elke medalje lê ure se oefening, dissipline en deursettingsvermoë – eienskappe waarmee dié span Thabazimbi se naam hoog hou.