

Educating pupils about the health of river systems

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THE South African Environmental Observation Network (Saeon) Triwaters River talks were held at the Good Hope private nature reserve in Barkly West on Friday.

The event, hosted on the banks of the Vaal River, was presented by the Saeon arid lands node and two intrepid canoeists of Triwaters, Franz Fuls from South Africa and Brett Merchant from Australia.

The event was sponsored by the Northern Cape department of environment, nature conservation and Northern Cape tourism.

Omphile Khutsoane, education officer of Saeon, said educating pupils about the health of river systems not only assisted in saving water and protecting the environment, but that it could also be a lot of fun.

"Together with the department of education we arranged for pupils from Hoërskool Vaalrivier and Boresetse Secondary School from Barkly West to attend the event.

Greenpoint High School, Emangmogo Comprehensive School and Thabane High School from Kimberley also attended the presentation.

The Northern Cape province is relatively dry and few rivers run through it with the bulk of the province's water coming from the Vaal and Orange rivers after they have passed through more populated areas," Khutsoane said.

This project followed in the tracks of a similar Saeon project, the Gariep Mega transect, launched two years ago along the Senque and Orange rivers.

"The samples collected by the Triwaters team will be analysed to determine if the water quality in the Vaal and Orange rivers has deteriorated over time and will also assist in identifying possible pollution sources.

"Such long-term environmental monitoring by Saeon is part of its efforts to track global change and local environmental changes across South Africa."

Community development worker for Dikgatlong municipality, Cecil Buffel, brought members from Pniel Estate and Cotton Fields who live next to the river.

"The idea of this presentation is very good because there are people who make use of the river water by drinking it."

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Kasrils sues over Zuma rape claim

FORMER intelligence minister Ronne Kasrils is suing Deputy Defence Minister Kebby Maphatsoe for defamation after being accused of setting up President Jacob Zuma for a rape charge. City ... Kasrils has

Ready for the auld enemy

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GIVING a taste of the sort of batting he is capable of, Richie Berrington took one step down the University Oval track and smashed a Daniel Vettori delivery high over the long-on boundary and into the window of the TV commentary box. The sumptuous six in Scotland's World Cup opener against New Zealand on Tuesday was only a sample of what the 27 year old, who scored a half century from 80 balls, can do.

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Berrington was not about to be any hostages to fortune by entering the "auld enemy" England would be the sweeter upset.

"We've got five opportunities to beat full member sides and we want to beat one of these teams, whether it's England or not we'll wait and see." - Reuters

Instead, the 37 year old used all of the experience he had accumulated in 42 previous ODIs to see off the fired up Afghanistan bowlers and keep the scoreboard ticking over as he and Angelo Matthews inched them closer to a 233 victory target.

While he fell for exactly 100, I still 55 runs from victory; Sara Perera blasted 47 runs and wicket victory.

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run-out opportunities going begging before dismissing Matthews in that fashion for 44.

Jayawardene, however, felt the tough nature of the victory would only help his side in their next four games in the pool phase of the tournament.

"For us to play a tough match like that is good for this tournament.

"It's good to play a good game of cricket. It doesn't matter who you play.

"When you are pushed, then mentally you need to be stronger as a unit and that's what we showed.

"It will be good for us going through the tournament in that if we find ourselves in that situation we now know how to handle that.

"But the good thing is there is a lot of room for improvement. If we get everything right it will be great." - Reuters