



DEAR STAKEHOLDERS

To all our registered Participants, Partners, Sponsors and Service Providers.

The **Koster Marathon Club** in consultation with the **Provincial Federation Athletics North West North (ANWN)** and the **Athletics Fraternity** hereby wish to give notice to all the aforesaid Stakeholders that it is indeed with a great deal of sadness and disappointment at this stage that once again we are left with no option but forced to postpone our long standing, much awaited and prestigious upcoming **Inaugural Annual Bill Rowan Three Bridges Ultra Marathon** road running race to the **NEW DATE** of Sunday morning the **7th September 2025** at **6h00**.

The unplanned postponement is largely due to the unfortunate and unforeseen circumstances completely beyond our control emanating from a very **BIG ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT** currently taking place in the **CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (CBD)** of **KOSTER** and on the **R509 Provincial Road** from **Derby** via **Koster** to **Swartruggens** and it is very clear that the appointed Construction Company may not be able to complete construction work on the road at least before the weekend of the **8th and 9th February 2025**.

In this regard it is further our considered view to completely do away with the **9th February 2025** to afford the construction company more than sufficient time and opportunity to complete the work within the **twelve (12) months period as in terms of agreement** and simply postpone the Marathon to the **7th September 2025**. We firmly believe that it is only fair to afford the Company the necessary space to deliver accordingly. **THE RACE IS ON**. This will help everyone to **plan and prepare** better and accordingly especially our main stakeholders which is the runners.

This decision, if you will, is once again made in **the best interest of the safety, wellbeing and ultimate memorable experience** of all technical officials, guests, participants, spectators and visitors involved in this **NEW PRODUCTION** in the athletics industry more particularly the organized road running community.

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Furthermore, **all the pre entries**, both **Online Registration** and **Manual Registration**, can and shall be carried over for the aforesaid **NEW DATE** and all information as contained in the official documentation such as **pamphlets, flyers, posters and mailers** remain the same save to emphasize that the **2025 MARATHON VENUE** is **SWARTRUGGENS TOWN** where the **10km** and **5km** races will **START** and **FINISH** at **Swartruggens Gekombeneerde (Combined) School Sports Ground**.

We hope and trust that you understand and wish to see you all in **2025** for this **Special Ultra Marathon** in honour of a **Great Legend** in his home town **Koster** where athletes can experience a marathon with wide open unpolluted farm lands with fields, cattle and game en route to the finishing line.

Once again we apologize for any inconvenience this forced and unfortunate postponement may have caused and equally share the deep sadness and disappointment with everyone in the athletics industry in **South Africa and the World** over more particularly the ever passionate road runners.

Thanks and wishing you safe running all the way.


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