



NEWS ALERT

Sesethu Melamane is victorious at the 33rd PPC Riebeek Bergmarathon

The 33rd edition of the PPC Riebeek Bergmarathon lived up to expectations once again with a great turnout of over 2000 participants, including several top runners. Lindikhaya Mthangayi was the first to cross the finishing line recording a time of 02:34:08 in the men's 42km race ahead of second and third-place finishers, Tarisai Rukadza at 02:34:25 and Anda Lubelwana who recorded a time of 02:39:28.

Leading the pack in the women's 42km race was Sesethu Melamane in 03:31:31, while Elm Middlemost (03:37:48) and Angelique Rabie (03:41:50) came in second and third.

It was not an easy feat for runners in the 21.1km half marathon race with participants neck and neck from start to finish. Christopher Booise and Rianda Gilliard in the respective men's and women's races became the ultimate winners of this leg of the race. With first place in the 10km race taken by Anton Fatzo and Marquerite Fredericks respectively

Ipeleng Khunou, who is the first person to complete a 21.1km marathon on crutches also participated for the first time in the PPC Riebeek Bergmarathon and encouraged other people with disabilities to join in the fun next year. He completed at time of 01:25:38

The WSB Cape Cobras, also participated in the 10km alongside beneficiaries from the JP21 Project. Supporters also came out in great numbers to cheer on participating friends, family members and colleagues.

The race, which has become a part of the community of Riebeek West, turns the town into a bustle of celebration and activity each August, bringing much-needed investment to the community and boosting local tourism. It continues to attract a mix of old and new entrants each year. This year also saw, amongst others Managing Editor and Food Editor of Women's Health, Amy Hoppy, and Runner's World Contributing Editor Lisa Abdellah, who gave an impressive showing in the 21.1km race.

"We congratulate all winners and participants who took part in the race this year and we hope to see them back again next year. We remain committed to making this race possible for avid runners and fun walkers. We are a part of this community and our investment in Riebeek goes beyond just our cement plants and ensures that we are all a thriving community" said Bernard Venter, PPC Riebeek Factory General Manager.

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the DRC and Ethiopia during 2017 bring PPC's capacity to around eleven and a half million tons of cement per year, compared to 8 million tons in 2015.

As part of its strategy and long-term vision, PPC is expanding its operations in South Africa with the modernisation of its PPC Slurry complex outside Mafikeng in the North West province. In April 2018 the new kiln, Slurry kiln 9 (SK9) was fired up for the first time marking a key milestone in the project.

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