

International Trade Show Award

"Well done to the Cape Winelands District Municipality's (CWDM's) Local Economic Development (LED) unit, yet again proving what we locals already know. And that is – all the best things in the world are available right here in the Cape Winelands," stated the Executive Mayor of the CWDM Ald (Dr) Elna von Schlicht in recognition of the award received by representatives attending the International Trade Fair in Namibia.

The CWDM team was awarded a Bronze Certificate for Excellence in Presentation, Quality of Service and Products. The municipality's LED unit is mandated to create opportunities that promote the Cape Winelands District as an investment and tourism destination in order to stimulate economic growth. Trade shows provide a platform for the CWDM to penetrate new markets that will increase sales, attract visitors to destinations and enhance the utilisation of services in the district. The LED team was accompanied by several local small business owners who displayed their products at the exhibition.

The CWDM's exhibition included olives, wine and other items produced by two of the representing businesses, LaBelle Rebelle and Laharna Farm Products. In addition, marketing material and other products from the 14 local tourism associations were on display and distributed to attendees.

The Executive Director of Community Development and Planning Services (CDPS) Mr Pietie Williams who attended the show, stated,

"It was as if we had taken a little piece of the district and seasoned it with our unique blend of friendliness, quality and variety before sharing it with the many visitors to our stall."



The CWDM's dream team:
Back row, left to right: Pietie Williams (ED: CDPS); Cllr Kobus du Plessis (Portfolio: LED and Tourism); Annelie Badenhorst (Laharna Farm Products); Maya Barnard (Laharna Farm Products); and Elmien Wagenaar (Le Belle Rebelle)
Front row left to right: Lindy Fischer (Namibia Media Holdings); Gayle Daniels (DD: LED) and Mariette Stofberg-Coetzee (Le Belle Rebelle)

Opsomming
Die KWDM se Plaaslike Ekonomiese Ontwikkeling (PEO)-eenheid het die Internasionale Handelskou in Namibië bygewoon waar hulle weggeloo het met die Brons Sertifikaat vir Voortreflikheid in Aanbieding, Diensgehalte en Produkte.

Die Uitvoerende Direkteur van Gemeenskapontwikkeling en Beplanningdienste (GOBD) mnr Pietie Williams wat die skou bygewoon het, het gesê, "Dit was asof ons 'n klein stukkie van die distrik geneem het en dit met ons unieke soort vriendelikheid, gehalte en verskeidenheid ingelê het voor ons dit met die talle besoekers aan ons stalletjie gedeel het."

Isishwankathelo
UMasipala WesiThili saseCape Winelands uthiwe jize ngewonga kuMboniso wezoRhwebo waMazwe eHlabathi

Iqela leCWD lezoPhuhliso lwezoQoqosho lwesiThili (iLED) lizuze iwonga leSatifikethi soBhedu ngokuGawesa kwiNkcazo, ngeZinga eliPhezulu ngeenNkonzo, kunye neMveliso (Bronze Certificate in for Excellence in Presentation, Quality of Service and Products) kuMboniso woRhwebo wamaZwe eHlabathi obuseNamibia.

Umlawuli wesiQgeba soPhuhliso loluntu kunye neenkonzo zocwangciso (CDPS) uMnu Pietie Williams obezimase umsitho uthethe wathi "kube ngathi sithathe iqhekeza elincinci lesithili sayinonga nempawu zomxube wokudibanisa ubuhlobo, impawu, umgangatho kunye nentlobo ezahlukeneyo phambi kokuba sabelane nendwendwe ezininzi kitafile yethu"

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Enter and you could win one of five festive gift baskets, filled with snacks and treats to share with your family.



Send your name, surname and the name of the town in which you live, with the answer to:

WhatsApp: **072 018 9023**

OR

E-mail: talk2us@capewinlands.gov.za

Question:

Who is the current mayor of the Cape Winelands District?

HINT: The answer is inside the newspaper!

Closing date for competition: 18 December 2020

Competition not open to employees of the CWDM

WE'RE DOING EVERYTHING WE CAN TO KEEP YOU SAFE

PLEASE DO THIS FOR US:

- STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK AND IF YOU'VE HAD CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS COVID
- WEAR YOUR MASK CORRECTLY
- OBSERVE THE PEOPLE LIMIT
- KEEP YOUR DISTANCE (1.5M)
- SANITISE HANDS
- AVOID USING CASH IF YOU CAN
- DO NOT SHARE DRINKS, CIGARETTES OR CUTLERY
- COMPLETE ATTENDANCE REGISTERS HONESTLY AND ACCURATELY
- ASK FOR WINDOWS AND DOORS TO BE OPENED AND EAT/DRINK OUTSIDE WHERE POSSIBLE



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Mayoral Letter



Executive Mayor
Ald. (Dr) Elna von Schlicht

Dear Citizens

At the time of writing this letter we are heading into our Christmas season with rising concern about a second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic. I am fearful for what this may mean for our district and our communities. We cannot afford not to work. We have to beat this virus, there is no other

way. Too many of our citizens have suffered and continue to do so because of the effects of the pandemic and ensuing lockdown on our economy. We just cannot afford further job losses or another lockdown; we must stand together and follow the rules. We must not allow people who are not following the rules to impact our lives.

- * Wear your mask correctly
- * Sanitise your hands
- * Keep a distance

Despite all the difficulties of 2020, I believe we should reflect on some of the successes the Cape Winelands District Municipality has had.

- Together with our partners at the local municipalities, SAPS and the departments of Health, Education, Agriculture, Local Government and Social Development we were able to establish excellent working relationships that resulted in decisive action with regard to humanitarian relief and Covid-19 support to the benefit of our most vulnerable citizens. This team of representatives

worked tirelessly, with little thought for their own safety. We have very dedicated public servants in our organisations.

- Through our good relationships, we were able to repatriate families that would otherwise have been stranded in foreign countries.
- The CWDM has prepared and already implemented a thorough economic recovery plan; this includes the promotion of tourism and the attraction of investment opportunities.
- We were delighted (but not surprised) to learn that the Cape Winelands is home to no less than five of the six top wine destinations in the world, as identified by Great Wine Capitals of the World.

There is often a silver lining to a dark cloud, and as I write this message my mind turns to our Grade 12s and the many other students writing exams. We were and remain deeply saddened by the tragic passing of two of our matriculants and our hearts go out to their parents and friends. I wish all our learners and students a most satisfying result in these exams. You must keep in mind that your resilience has been awe inspiring.

"Citizens, undertake to do what you can for others this festive season."

Share your meal with a neighbour, drop off a gift or two at an old-age home or get together with a few friends and collect some goodies for a homeless shelter. Before throwing something away, think of who may be able to use it. A second-hand handbag containing a few basics can be just what someone needs to make them feel dignified again.

And yet, I look forward to 2021 and what it can bring. It is the human condition that allows us to trust that next year can only get better. I am however of the belief that if we stick together and work hard towards the same goal, 2021 will indeed be a better year for us and for the world.

With warmest regards
Elna von Schlicht

Elna

Opsomming
Die Uitvoerende Burgemeester van die KWDM, Rdh (Dr) Elna von Schlicht, deel van die hoogtepunte van die afgelope jaar en spreek haar kommer uit oor die gesondheid van ons inwoners.
In die gees van die feestyd doen die Burgemeester 'n beroep op inwoners om dit wat hulle kan met minder

bevoorregtes te deel, en beklemtoon terselfdertyd dat almal verantwoordelik is om seker te maak dat die reëls vir die voorkoming van Covid-19-verspreiding streng nagekom word. Sy vra dat inwoners nie ander toelaat om die reëls te verontagsaam nie en om daarop aan te dring dat maskers reg gedra word, dat hande ontsmet word en dat sosiale distansiering gehandhaaf word.

Isishwankathelo
USodolophu wesigqeba weCWDM, uSibonda wedolophu (uGqir.) u-Elna von Schlicht, wabelana ngezihamba phambili kulo nyaka, ekwachaza ngenkhalabo yakhe ngezempilo ezichaphazela abemi bakhe.
gomoya wexesha leholide, uSodolophu uthundeze abemi ukuba bahlulelane kangangoko banakho nabo bangathathi niweni, batsala nzima, waphinda wayigx-

ininisa into yokuba wonke ubani luxanduva lwakhe ukuqinisekisa ukuba inyamekelwe imiqathango yokunqanda ukunwenwa nokusasazeka kweCOVID-19. Uyabacela abemi ukuba bangabavumeli abanye ukuba bangayihoyi imithetho, kwakhona, banyanzelise ukunxitywa kweemaski ngendlela eyiyo nelungileyo, izandla zicocwe ngezibulala-ntsholongwane kwakunye nokuqelana kwabantu omnye komnye.

Letter to citizens



Office of the Municipal Manager

Dear Citizens

It is an impossible task to do justice to the challenges of the past year in this letter. 2020 remains challenging and there is no doubt in my mind that with the current increase in the infection rate, 2021 will not be easy either. It will take a concerted effort by everyone to rise above the challenges and move forward.

However, there are good news stories that I wish to share. I remain impressed with the staff of the CWDM whose commitment to do everything they can to deliver services to our citizens is exemplary. This edition of the Grapevine, with its new look and feel, includes many examples of how the CWDM continues to forge partnerships that are beneficial to all.

Our Disaster Management division has been and remains the cog in the Covid-19 wheel, making sure to include all necessary role-players and partners. The Business, Economy and Tourism units have during the past months actively engaged in creating platforms to encourage investment to our area through film production and the support of projects aimed at attracting visitors.

In fact, the CWDM has launched a campaign in national and international

media to attract visitors to our region. We do offer all offer adventure in wide-open spaces and places. Visit the online magazine Cape Town Etc to view some of the attractions available in our area or tune in to Magic 828/LM Radio – you could stand a chance of winning one of the prizes that will be on offer from January onwards.

The CWDM actively took part in the national days of mourning from 25 to 29 November 2020 and also plays a significant role in the fight against gender-based violence and abuse against women and children. Our attitude to any form of abuse is clear – ZERO tolerance. Our confidential employee wellness programme encourages employees to seek assistance if they need help in this and other personal matters.

We are now in the fire season and I urge you all to heed the warnings of the dire consequences of making fires in non-designated areas. It makes me proud to see that our Fire Training Academy continues to produce firefighters of exceptional standard.

Friends, these are just some of the activities we are involved in. Inside these pages you will find evidence of our commitment to the improvement of the dignity of our citizens, and of our belief that together we can bring the economy of the Cape Winelands back to the level it was before the pandemic.

"Be bold in your efforts to prevent the spread of Covid-19 – we cannot afford any more businesses to close due to a lockdown or lack of customers."

I trust that each of you are making sure to protect yourselves and your loved ones and our job opportunities by wearing your masks, sanitising your hands and keeping a social distance when you are outside your homes.

I wish you all a safe and blessed festive season.

Henry Prins
Municipal Manager

Henry

Opsomming

Henry Prins, Munisipale Bestuurder van die KWDM, gee 'n uiteensetting van die aktiwiteite wat die organisasie oor die afgelope paar maande onderneem het in 'n poging om die distrik se ekonomie en infrastruktuur te versterk. Hy doen 'n beroep op inwoners om sterk te staan om die verspreiding van Covid-19 te voorkom sodat die distrik oop kan bly vir toerisme en om seker te maak dat daar nie nog werkverliese plaasvind nie. Mnr Prins wens alle burgers 'n veilige, vredevolle en geseënde feestyd toe.

Isishwankathelo

Bemi abathandekayo UMnu. Henry Prins, uMlawulii kaMasipala weCWDM, uchaza ezinye ezizinto ezithe zenziwa ngulo mbutho kwezi nyanga zimbawwa zidlulileyo, ngelinge lokuphucula ezoqoqosho nezibonelelo zokusebenza (infrastructure). Uthundeza abemi ukuba bomelele kumalinge abo okunqanda ukusasazeka kweCOVID-19, khon'ukuze isithili sikhale sivulelekile kwezotyalelo ze ngokwenza njalo ke kunqandwe ukulahlekelwa kwabantu yimisebenzi kwakhona. UMnu. Prins ubanqwenelela bonke abemi ukhuseleko, uxolo kwakunye nexesha leholide elisikelelekileyo. Umlawuli kaMasipala.

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Ald. (Dr) Elna von Schlicht
Executive Mayor

Dear Citizens,

The Festive Season is a time of hope and joy with family and friends.

This year has been challenging and while we celebrate the beginning of a new year, let us remember those we have lost and those who are struggling to survive.

I wish every citizen and visitor a safe and peaceful Festive Season and a successful 2021.

Elna

Mask • Sanitise • Distance

16 Days of Activism 2020: "Orange the World: Fund, Respond, Prevent, Collect"

2020 has been a year of major international challenges, and for many women and children it has also been a year of increased abuse and physical harm since the onset of Covid-19. Gender-based violence (GBV) and femicide have become known as the silent pandemics in South Africa.

The CWDM, together with stakeholders and NGOs, launched the annual 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children campaign on 25 November 2020 in Worcester. The event aimed to create awareness among citizens on how to report suspected abuse and to encourage the private and public sector to collaborate and find ways to put an end to GBV. The campaign educates victims of abuse about their rights and encourages them to seek help through sharing information on where assistance is available. An abusers will often prevent a victim from seeking help by threatening further abuse or threatening to hurt the victim's children.

According to the information shared by the South African Police Services and the Department of Social Development, there has been an alarming increase in the number GBV cases during the pandemic.



Opsomming
Die KWDM het saam met belanghebbendes en NRO's 'n geleentheid aangebied om die jaarlikse veldtog van 16 Dae van Aktiwisme teen Geweld teen Vroue en Kinders bekend te stel. Hierdie jaar se geleentheid het veral gefokus op die toename in mishandeling sedert die aanvang van die Covid-19-pandemie wat bygedra het tot aansienlike stres en angst, soos die verlies aan inkomste. Die Uitvoerende Burgemeester van die KWDM, Dr Elna von Schlicht, het in haar openingsrede 'n beroep op inwoners gedoen om gevalle van mishandeling aan te meld – nie slegs as hulle die slagoffer is nie, maar ook wanneer hulle vermoed dat iemand anders 'n slagoffer is. Die Burgemeester het vroue aangemoedig om hulp te vra by betrokke organisasies en veilige huise sodat hulle uit 'n gewelddadige verhouding kan ontsnap en sonder vrees kan lewe.

In abusive relationships, it is believed that there is a causal connection between loss of income and increased numbers of occupants in an already under-resourced household. The Covid-19 pandemic intensified these factors as many people lost their jobs and were obliged to open their homes to family members who had nowhere else to go.

"We cannot allow femicide and GBV to become the norm in South Africa. We

must work together in making decisions that will put an end to GBV."

I urge you as individuals to be the voice for someone who no longer has one. If you suspect someone is being abused, report it. I urge you as public and private organisations to live this year's theme of: Orange the World: Fund, Respond, Prevent, Collect!," stated the Executive Mayor of the CWDM Ald (Dr) Elna von Schlicht during her keynote address.



Isishwankathelo ICWDM, ikunye neMibutho Engekho phantsi koRhulumente (NGOs) isindleke umsitho wokumiselwa kwephulo leeNtsuku ezili-16 zokulwa uBundlobongela obuJoliswe kuBafazi naBantwana (16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children). Isiganeko salo unyaka sijoliswe ngakumbi ekwandeni kokuphathwa kakubi okoko kwaqala umbulala-zwe nothe wabanegalelo elikhulu ngokoxinzelelo nexhala, ngokuphathelele kukulahlekelwa yimivuzo nengenelo. Kwintetho ephambili uSodolophu wesiQeqeba weCWDM uGqr. Elna von Schlicht uthundeze abemi ukuba bazazise iziganeko zempatho-mbi ingekukho nje xa ubani elixhoba loko, kodwa naxa kurhaneleka ukuba nomnye ubani ukwalixhoba. USodolophu uwakhuthazile amanina ukuba afune uncedo kwimibutho efanelekileyo nakwimizi ekhuselekileyo ukwenzela ukuba bakwazi ukubalekela apho ukuzisindisa kubudlelwane obumpatho-mbi nakwintlalo yoloyiko.

Photo 1: Executive Mayor Elna von Schlicht encouraging women to stand together against violence and to report any suspicion of abuse
Photo 2: The event was attended by representatives from many sectors

Welcome to the Western Cape Welkom Wamkelekile

Please work with us to stop the spread of coronavirus in our Province by making safer choices:

- Mask wearing is mandatory in all public spaces in South Africa whether inside or outside. Please mask up.
- Keep at least 1.5 meters apart from others.
- Choose outdoor venues.
- Avoid crowds, close-contact and confined and enclosed spaces.
- Open doors and windows.
- Wash/sanitise your hands regularly.
- If you develop symptoms please call our tollfree COVID-19 hotline 080 928 4102 for advice.

STAY SAFE MOVE FORWARD



Gender-based violence can happen to anyone! Know your rights

The Victim's Charter states that we have the following rights:

- the right to be treated with fairness and with respect for dignity and privacy
- the right to offer and to receive information
- the right to protection and assistance

Should you suspect your rights or someone else's rights of being violated, report it by contacting:

- Western Cape Women's Shelter Movement: 082 903 8739
- Gender-based Violence Command Centre: 0800 428 428
- Police: 10111
- Childline: 0861 322 322
- South African National Human Trafficking hotline: 0800 222 777
- Provincial Department of Social Development: 021 483 5045
- Department of Social Development tollfree line: 0800 220 250
- Provincial Department of Social Development - Cape Winelands regional office: 023 348 5300

The Domestic Violence Act protects you against:

- abuse (physical; sexual; emotional; psychological; verbal and economic)
- harassment
- intimidation
- stalking
- damage to property

The Sexual Offences and Related Matters Amendment Act protects you in the event of any form of sexual act being forced upon you.

The Prevention and Combatting of Trafficking in Persons Act – Human trafficking, also known as trafficking in persons, affects men, women and children for a variety of exploitative purposes such as domestic slavery, debt bondage, illegal adoption and exploitation in the sex industry.

Did you know that you can contact your nearest court, clinic, or hospital?



Western Cape Government Health
FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Western Cape COVID-19 Hotline: 080 928 4102 (tollfree)
www.westerncape.gov.za

STAY SAFE MOVE FORWARD

CONFINED SPACES

STAY SAFE MOVE FORWARD

CLOSE-CONTACT SETTINGS

STAY SAFE MOVE FORWARD

CROWDED PLACES

SUPER SPREADER EVENTS THREE Cs

Western Cape Government Health

Visit the Cape Winelands, 1 000 things to do and then...some wine.

In the Cape Winelands District, we can accommodate your every whim. There are 1 000 things to do before you taste our award-winning wines, beer, gins and brandies. Whether you prefer the bustle of busy eateries, farmers' markets and live music, or the quiet of a morning hike and the peacefulness of a winding gravel road, or a heady combination of both, the Cape Winelands District is a safe, welcoming oasis for all travellers, groups, couples and families.

The Cape Winelands District is very accessible from the city of Cape Town. In fact, the first point of entry to the district, historical Stellenbosch, is a mere 20-minute drive from Cape Town International Airport. The district covers an area of around 24 000 km² that is mostly made up of agricultural land and indigenous fynbos vegetation (proteas, ericas, etc.), and is home to five municipal jurisdictions that include 14 towns. The valleys are protected by majestic mountains, many of which hold ancient rock paintings, and are ideal for climbing and abseiling (for the more adventurous). As one of the world's most ecologically diverse areas, the Cape Winelands is also rich in fauna with a variety of birds and wild animals such as the shy mountain buck, sometimes seen wandering on trails.

The district is committed to ensuring that all visitors are protected against exposure to Covid-19. All facilities have to comply with current regulations pertaining to Covid-19, which makes the Cape Winelands District safe to visit. Furthermore, our wide-open spaces and many outdoor activities contribute to social distancing being maintained. Each of the municipal areas have their own features. Langeberg has a drier climate than Drakenstein. Breede Valley is home to the internationally renowned Karoo Botanical Gardens. Stellenbosch boasts a long history in wine and academia. The exceptional Witzenberg is home to one of the highest zip lines in South Africa. Of course, the areas also share common features. They all offer wonderful options for accommodation to suit all pockets and needs. Adventures are to be had with sky diving, horse riding or ghost touring, and places to visit are in abundance in all the towns. And then there is always wine, or beer, or gin, or brandy. And for the kids? Animals to pet, birds that will amaze and even a juice tasting so that they don't feel left out!

Tourists can download the Cape Winelands Tourism App before visiting the area to check which events and activities are taking

place during their stay. You will be able to access specific services too – perhaps you need to rent a car, organise a babysitter or find out where the best place is to keep your bikes. The App is just the tool you need, and it is free for iOS and Android users. Simply search Cape Winelands Tourism in your App Store and download a world of choices and activities. Search for us on Facebook, Cape Winelands DM and like us so that you can tag us into your posts of your visit to the Cape Winelands.

Visit us in the Cape Winelands – take a day trip or, even better, stay for a while. After all, we have 1 000 things to do and then some wine! Please visit the Local Tourism Associations' (LTAs) websites for information on accommodation, activities and events.

Once you reach the outskirts of the Hex River Valley, you have two choices: Take a left to Witzenberg and enter Ceres via the Tankwa Karoo where many residents are still reliant on donkey carts for transport (cartwheels and donkey hooves are resilient to the tyre-attacking shale of the Tankwa Karoo!); or turn right and meander the back roads into Langeberg.

Cape Winelands Local Tourism Associations

Stellenbosch

www.visitstellenbosch.org
www.franschhoek.org.za
www.dwarsriviertourism.org.za

Drakenstein

www.paarlonline.com
www.wellington.co.za

Breede Valley

www.worcestertourism.com
www.breedekloof.com
www.hexrivervalley.co.za

Langeberg

www.robertsonr62.com
www.montagu-ashton.info
www.tourismmgregor.co.za

Witzenberg

www.ceres.org.za
www.wolseleytourism.co.za
www.tulbaghtourism.co.za

BREEDE VALLEY

Upon travelling through either of the two tunnels on the N1, one enters the Breede River Valley. This area, surrounded by rugged mountains, is home to Breedekloof, Worcester and the Hex River Valley, which is world renowned for export grapes and other soft fruit, award winning wines and even a tulip farm!

If sipping chilled wine beside a crystal clear river is your ideal summer breakaway, then head for the mountainous Breedekloof Wine Valley, just an hour's drive from Cape Town.

Breedekloof, which encompasses the wineries in the Rawsonville, Slanghoek, Goudini and Breede River areas, is an idyllic spot for healthy outdoor entertainment such as hiking, mountain biking and horse riding through the vineyards.

Self-catering chalets on the banks of the river or set in the mountains, camp sites and B&Bs provide a range of accommodation to match any pocket. Besides the scenic splendour, the region's other major attractions include 17 wineries that offer a variety of wine tasting experiences, from tractor rides to various food and wine pairings. You can also enjoy craft beer and craft gin in the valley, and the stylish restaurants, coffee shops and farm stalls will undoubtedly please your pallet.

www.breedekloof.com

Driving along the N1 out of the Breedekloof, you will be welcomed into the glorious town of Worcester, nestled in a golden valley with a selection of hidden gems for the whole family to discover.



Experience the Big 5 at Fairy Glen Reserve, or take the time to explore the 154 ha display of fauna and flora of the arid winter rainfall regions of Southern Africa in the Karoo Desert National Botanical Gardens, which is also accessible to the physically challenged. Or enjoy a touch of history at the Worcester Museum at Kleinplaspie – the only living open air museum that depicts agricultural practices of the early 1800s to mid-1940s. The staff



here offer year-round activities that show visitors how the pioneers used to live.

A magical ambiance awaits the fine art lover at The Hugo Naudé House and Jean Weltz Art Gallery. The Worcester area further boasts 12 wine cellars and the Willow Creek Olive estate on the Worcester Wine & Olive Route. Besides these recognised delights, a wonderful farmers' market that is held on the first Saturday of every month, numerous free mountain biking trails and a few gorgeous examples of historical building styles are worthy of a visit.

www.worcestertourism.com

The Hexriver Valley is internationally renowned for its export grapes, but there area also a few well kept secrets in this mysterious valley.

Conveniently located just off the N1, the Hex River Valley is known as the gateway between the vast plains of the Klein Karoo and rewards travellers with the first spectacular views of the Cape Winelands' soaring mountains and green cultivated landscapes.

Hexcape Often

Explore the Hex River Valley and surrounds on two wheels, tackling varied and interesting terrain. Whether you prefer to take it slow or experience gratifying rides, we can offer anything from family friendly outings to high altitude cycling adventures. MTB and E-Bike rentals are available.

Hexplore the Unseen

For outdoor enthusiasts captivated by mystical adventures unveiling the history of our ancestors, or in need of a retreat to clear your mind, The Secret Adventurer is ready to unveil some of our best kept secrets! If you're over 50 and classify yourself as a novelty seeker, book a memorable stay in the Hex River Valley and enjoy creative, tailor-made excursions with Graham and Sally (G1BT Travel & Tours) and sports historian Dr Dean Allen.

Hexperience Adventure

If you want to experience the fun side of farming, De Doorns is the place to visit. Combine a packhouse tour and grape tasting session at Villion Farms with a picnic and some grape picking fun in the sun.

www.hexrivervalley.co.za

DRAKENSTEIN



Drakenstein is the municipal area that is home to Paarl, Wellington and the lesser known towns of Gouda and Saron.

Authentic Winelands lifestyle experiences await visitors heading to Paarl and Wellington during the high days and holidays. Take the family for affordable and wonderful day experiences by

visiting The Alpaca Loom or Le Bonheur Crocodile Farm or delight in a nature drive at Bontebok Ridge Reserve.

Lunch spots with great views and child-friendly play areas can be found at Rhebokskloof Wine Estate, Nederburg, Dunstone Estate and Val du Charron Wine and Leisure Estate.

For cooling down on the sweltering summer days, Val du Charron's splashpad is great, as are the rockpools and swimming holes in the Limietberg Nature Reserve bordering on Bainskloof Pass. Clearly marked hiking trails varying in difficulty levels make for a great outdoor experience.

Paarl Rock, a massive granite rock in the Paarl Mountain Nature Reserve, is the second largest granite outcrop known to man. Spend a day in nature picnicking or admiring the scenic splendour or enjoy the various custom-built trails for hiking, running or cycling that surround the mountain.

www.paarlonline.com
www.wellington.co.za



LANGEBERG

In Robertson, known as "the small town with a big heart", you will be surprised by the warm welcome that awaits you in this beautiful country town. Situated in the shadow of the majestic Langeberg mountains with the Breede River as its life blood, Robertson is the western gateway to the heart of Route 62, only 1½ hours drive from Cape Town.

This region may be best known for its wines, but the variety of attractions, activities, accommodation and culinary delights on offer – combined with spectacular scenery and the warm hospitality of the people – makes it a superb place for a getaway. No matter what time of year and no matter whom the visitor, Robertson ensures an unforgettable stay.

Activities

Wine estates (more than 40), mountain biking, horse riding, skydiving, rock climbing, river rafting, hiking, private game reserves, motorcycle trips, wine blending, hop-on hop-off wine valley safaris, river cruises, olive tastings, underground wine tastings, wine pairings with art and music, and more!

For the family

Boat cruise and exotic bird park: Trail your feet in the cool waters of the Breede River while toasting the good life with a glass of wine on board an elegant flat-bottomed river boat. Meander along the river flanked by indigenous Breede River yellowwood and wild olive trees teeming with a variety of bird species. Bird paradise: Birds from Australia to Peru, Central America to Africa and Asia to Northern Wales and much more!! Monkeys, crocodiles, waterbirds, etc. Play park for children.



Robertson and surrounds offer a variety of MTB trails with amazing views of the Breede River and the Robertson Valley. The trails vary in technicality and offer riders of all fitness levels a good workout. The Cape Epic route has included Robertson on four occasions.

The Western Province Sport Parachute Club offer all the necessary facilities and training you will need. Choose from static line and tandem jumps for one-off experiences or take things further and follow our static line progression course. The static line first jump course starts at 08:30 sharp on scheduled Saturday mornings at the drop zone in Robertson.



Want to cool off on hot days? Experience wine tasting and cellar tours in beautiful settings – underground, on the river bank, with art and music – do you need more?
www.robertsonr62.com

McGregor

The Boesmansklouf hiking distance from the end of the Boesmansklouf Hiking Trail to McGregor village is 16 km, and 14 km from the beginning of the trail on the Greyton side to the end of the sign on the McGregor side. This is classified as a moderate to hard trail and is therefore not suitable for children and permits are required to walk the trail.

Eseltjiesrus Donkey Sanctuary lies outside the

village of McGregor and is open to the public from Thursday to Sunday from 10:00 to 16:00. There is no entrance fee, but donations are welcomed.

The Temenos Gardens are loved by the many visitors who discover its secret tranquility and beauty. The gardens, which teem with birdlife, were especially designed to promote a sense of peace and are renowned for their unique atmosphere and the many features that are hidden among its groves and winding paths.

www.tourismmcgregor.co.za



Montagu

Montagu is accessed through the small tunnel along the Kogmansklouf pass. Although this town is best known for its mineral hot springs, it has much more to offer such as farm markets and a ghost tour on foot or bicycle.



The accommodation in Montagu ranges from 5-star to very basic family favourites.

Experience a real small town Christmas with all the pleasures of the countryside and little local shops – open till late with friendly faces everywhere.

Throw in a few special local artisan markets such as the regular Montagu Village Market that is held every Saturday. Or a memorable Christmas Night Market and all-round festivity. This is what festive memories are made of!

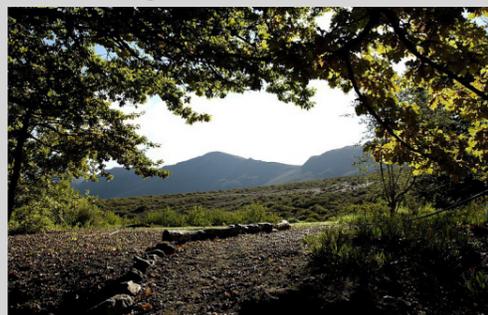
There are loads of opportunities to play for adults and kids alike. Pick up a bicycle at Flying Feet and explore what real country life is like. For the brave, join a ghost tour on bicycle.

A visit to Guano Caves will entertain and amaze. Play with the farm animals and the rabbits or dip into the pools, or take a slide into the water. Mom and Dad can have a cocktail at the bar while watching the children swim and play in the gorgeous child-friendly pools.

Make sure you book a long camping holiday at one of Montagu's very popular camping spots: The Montagu Caravan Park (includes a dam for fishing); Guano Caves – with those extra activities specially for the kids; Doringlaagte on the dam with hiking trails and loads of outdoor fun; Simonsklouf at the end of the road – completely unplugged; or Badensfontein for a smaller, more intimate camp experience with the essential pool for a Karoo summer.

The very popular hot springs are always a highlight – so plan ahead for a visit or stay at Avalon Springs that has their own holiday season programme.

www.montagu-ashton.info



WITZENBERG

In the heart of the Witzenberg lies the beautiful town of Ceres, surrounded by mountains and breathtaking passes – its tranquil atmosphere makes this the ideal place to unwind. For those seeking a little adventure, Ceres has you covered... activities include zip lining, abseiling, 'kloofing', 4x4 routes, MTB trails, golfing, hiking trails, fishing spots, horse and carriage rides and many more.

From the last weekend in November, visitors can also explore the Ceres Cherry Route, which will take you on an amazing journey of discovery about all things cherry. Follow the route for fabulous culinary delights at select restaurants and cherry-licious discounts at the various participating accommodation and activity establishments in our region.

The Ceres area also offers a wide variety of accommodation ranging from luxury game reserves, guest houses, self-catering cottages to wooden chalets.

Come and experience the magic of Ceres!
www.ceres.co.za

Tulbagh

Take a scenic drive to the Tulbagh Valley with the family. Visit the museums and stroll down historic Church Street. Explore the Tulbagh Wine Route where the cellars have lovely spacious gardens for the children to frolic to their hearts' content.

Book your seat for a scenic tractor trip up the Obiqua Mountain and enjoy wine and snacks while marvelling at the amazing views of the Tulbagh Valley and the Swartland. On Saturdays, and weather permitting, Oudeklouf farm offers hiking and sumptuous food and wine so that you can relax and soak up the views. The Murludi Hiking Trail entails a shorter River Route that passes along the mountain fynbos and introduces visitors to the farming activities. The longer Elsbos Route continues on from the River Route through the lower hills of the Winterhoek Mountains.

A visit to the Waterfall to splash in the rock pools and cool off or have a picnic with lovely views is always a treat. Or take an out-ride on horseback through the orchards with Tulbagh Horse Trails.

Tulbagh has amazing mountain bike routes for the outdoor enthusiast. Wine by Bike – hire a bike from Vindoux guest farm and visit

STELLENBOSCH

Stellenbosch

Hop onto an open safari vehicle to explore the vineyards of Jordan, Villiera or Waterford or join a professional guide for a tour of the Jonkershoek Nature Reserve on an eco-friendly Mountain® Scooter. Head to the Lanzerac Trail Centre and ride an e-bike to enjoy the almost alpine magic of the Jonkershoek Mountains. Or visit Dirtopia on the Muratie Wine Estate to explore their running and mountain bike trails.

Immerse yourself in the culture and heritage of Stellenbosch, as a guide takes you off the beaten track to explore like a local with a guided art, history or 'foodie' walking tour.

Sunny days on Stellenbosch wine farms are worth experiencing. You will be blown away by the diverse experiences on offer. Think wine blending at Middelvllei, ice-cream and wine pairing at Clos Malverne, generous cheese and charcuterie platters; or discover one of Stellenbosch's wonderful picnic spots.

www.visitstellenbosch.org



the neighbouring wine estates. Or take a Tuk-Tuk tour through the valley and stop off at one of our restaurants and browse the gift shops and galleries. Tulbagh will make you realise that escaping from the hustle-bustle is fun and has never been so easy!

www.tulbaghtourism.co.za

Wolseley

Situated on a natural watershed that divides the Berg River and the Breede River, the natural surroundings of Wolseley are conducive to outdoor activities such as river rowing, hiking, sunset drives, mountain biking, bush walks, birdwatching, 4x4 trails and horse riding.

With small family-owned wineries, the valley produces a wide range of cultivars. Wine tastings at the cellars often lead to folklore and stories that have been passed on from generation to generation.

From the last weekend in November, visitors can explore various open farms such as nectarine picking at the Hoogwater Fruit Experience. On Sundays (from 20 December) see how flowers are grown at the well-known Adene's Farm Flowers.

Wolseley boasts various farmstalls, an initiative widely endorsed as it creates a platform for local craftsmen to sell their goods. Follow the route for farmstalls and support our entrepreneurs by buying their produce that range from preserves to leather bags. Or join us at the Christmas Market at Creative Hub (farmstall).

Make a weekend of it and book an overnight stay. Establishments offer a wide variety of accommodation – from luxury guesthouses and self-catering cottages to wooden cabins.

www.wolseleytourism.co.za



Franschhoek

When visiting Franschhoek in the Cape Winelands you are immediately transported to a world filled with breathtaking scenery, warm hospitality, world-class cuisine and superb wines. Regarded as South Africa's culinary capital, this town will give you a gastronomic experience ranging from haute cuisine to locally sourced artisanal foods prepared by highly acclaimed chefs. Local cuisine adds extra pizzazz to your experience.

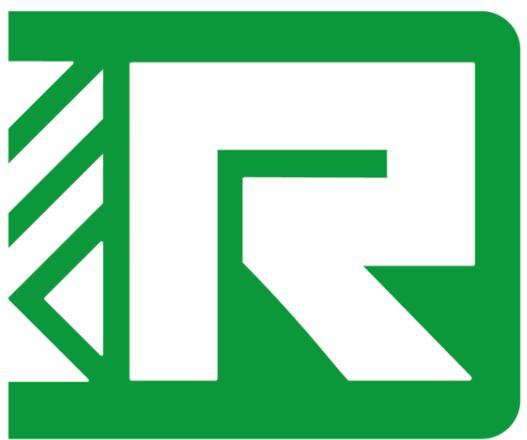
You'll be spoilt for choice with the selection of fine dining and café-style restaurants in this quaint village. Home to some of the country's finest wine producers, your Franschhoek experience will without a doubt be a memorable one. Plan your itinerary to include a visit to one of the many privately owned boutiques, or if you're a keen outdoor enthusiast, our myriad of outdoor offerings will tick all the relevant boxes. Looking to keep the kids entertained? Boschendal and Babylonstoren will keep the young ones entertained for hours with their offerings. For something completely different, visit the Farm Sanctuary and meet their resident artist, Pigasso, who never fails to delight children of all ages.

www.franschhoek.org.za

Dwarsrivier

Nestled between the two famous sisters of Stellenbosch and Franschhoek lies the darling little valley of Dwarsrivier. In this lush valley you can attend a food and wine pairing at the Alluvia Boutique Winery or take a horse trail before the Friday Night Market at Boschendal. The Solms Delta Wine Estate offers regular family friendly Sundowner Saturdays, while Le Pommier Estate has a number of options that include special rates for young children.

www.dwarsriviertourism.org.za



DISASTER READY

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www.disasterready.org.za/hazardmap/

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Fire season launched with graduation of 16 level 2 firefighters

Opsomming

Die somermaande van Oktober tot April word in brandweerkringe na verwys as die brandseisoen. Gedurende hierdie warm maande het selfs die kleinste brand die potensiaal om in 'n wegholbrand te ontfaar, met moontlike katastrofiese gevolge vir lewens en lewensbestaan. Die KWDM het die brandseisoen geopen met die viering van die graduering van 16 brandbestryders wat die kursus in vlak 2 brandbestryding by die munisipaliteit van Kaapse Wynland Akademie vir Brandweeropleiding voltooi het.

Die twee topstudente wat albei in diens van Stellenbosch Munisipaliteit se Brandweerdepartement is, het erken dat die kursus 'n strawwe een op liggaamlike sowel as geestelike vlak is, maar het saamgestem dat hulle nou beter voorbereid is om die uitdagings van brandbestryding te hanteer.

Die KWDM Brandweerdienste herinner die publiek daaraan dat dit onwettig is om vure in nie-aangewese areas aan te steek en dat die gevolge daarvan 'n boete en/of tronkstraf kan wees.

The Fire Services of the Cape Winelands District Municipality (CWDM) recently celebrated the graduation of firefighters who attended its Cape Winelands Fire Training Academy. The 16 firefighters from various municipalities and the SA Navy spent 10 weeks completing the courses Firefighter Level 2 and Hazmat Operations Level 2, equipping them with the skills to help mitigate the loss of lives and livelihoods.

The graduation was a proud moment for all, and for Yaseen Jacobs (Firefighter Level 2) and Granville Petersen (Hazmat Operations Level 2) of Stellenbosch Municipality's Fire Services the blood, sweat, tears and long hours of study paid off. They were each recognised as the top student in their respective courses and also achieved the highest scores in the practical and theoretical exams.

According to Yaseen, "The course is tough on all levels, but one has to learn to persevere, even when you are very tired. The course has prepared me well for the upcoming fire season. I learned a lot of things I didn't know."

Fellow graduate Granville agreed with Yaseen, adding, "I like to be fit, so the physical work was okay. It was the theory and all the new terminology that caught me! My favourite new word is viscosity." In addition to 80 fulltime firefighters, the CWDM has 40 reservists to assist during the fire season, all of whom received specialised training in wildfire management. Fire Services is geared with purpose-built equipment such as 4x4 vehicles and water tankers fitted with mega pumps, and is supported by contracted ground teams and air support, when required.

Even though we are equipped, it is vital that each citizen takes responsibility for the prevention of fires, as firefighting is not only very costly, but the damage to and loss of natural resources plus the strain on limited fire staff can be debilitating. Fire Services and our partner, the Fire Protection Association, wish to remind citizens that we have entered the period of the year known as the fire season. The warm summer weather and dry veld mean that veld and wildfires are far more likely to occur during the months of October to April.

The district municipality fulfils a different function to that of the fire departments of the local municipalities, although the two services often assist one another when resources are available. There is a concern that veld and vegetation around farms and farm-related infrastructure have not been maintained, which could add fuel when wildfires occur.

"We all know that the year has been challenging and due to the pandemic and resulting lockdown, many landowners have not had firebreaks cleared. This, together with lush vegetation brought about by the good rainfall we experienced, signals to us that we may be in for a very difficult fire season.

"It is each landowner's responsibility to ensure that their property is as fireproof as possible."

The cool weather we've had until now serves as an opportunity to get ground cleared and make sure that you fireproof your property before disaster strikes," urges the CWDM's Acting Chief Fire Officer, Wayne Josias.

Fire Services would like to share the following information:

- It is illegal and irresponsible to make fires anywhere other than in designated picnic areas. In fact, we urge the public not to make fires anywhere except at home. Coals often do not extinguish fully and are then reignited by a breeze, causing fires in surrounding bushes that quickly progress to a wildfire.
- Land and property owners should remove dead and alien vegetation from their property, including the verges (borders). Make sure to cut back vegetation and branches that are close to windows, glass doors and wooden decks.
- All controlled fires are illegal during the summer months, which means that permits for burning waste and alien vegetation are not issued from October to April (the fire season). Landowners especially need to take heed of this. The Fire Protection Agency (FPA) gives advice on how to protect your property – contact them at winelandsfpa.co.za.

Isishwankathelo

linyanga zehlobo ezisusela kwinyanga ka-Oktobera ukuya ku-Apreli zaziwa ngesha locimo-mlilo ngabo bajongene nalo msebenzi. Ngethuba lezi nyanga zishushu, nomliwana nje omncinci nongephi, usenokujika ubengumilokazi omkhulu, oziphumo zawo zinokutshabalalisa konke, ubomi nempilo-ntle.) ICWDM imisele ixesha lemililo, ngokuthi kubhiyozelwe uthwesozidanga lwabacimi-mililo abali-16 abaphumelele kwinqanaba lesi-2 lekhasi/isifundo socimo-mililo kwi-Akhademi kaMasipala weCape Winelands yoQeqesho kuCimo-mililo.

Abafundi ababini ababalaseleyo, bakwinkonzo kaMasipala waseStellenbosch yaye ngabasebenzi kwiSebe loCimo-mililo, batshilo ukuba esi sifundo sinzima kakhulu ngokuphathelele emandleni nasengqondweni, batshilo kambe ukuba nakubeni kunjalo, ngoku baziva bekulungele ngakumbi ukujongana nemiceli-mingeni ebandakanya ukucinywa kwemililo.

linkonzo zoCimo-mililo zeCWDM zikhumbuzo uluntu ukuba akukho mthethweni ukubasa imililo kwiindawo ezingabekelwanga nezingalathelwanga ukubaswa komililo, yaye ukutyeshela oko kunokubangela ukuba udlilwe yaye/okanye ubanjwe, uvalelwe.



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3

Photo 1: Photo 2: The graduation parade
Photo 2: From left, Yaseen Jacobs and Granville Petersen, top students for the class of Spring 2020
Photo 3: Firefighters in action during the last fire season

Global Hand Washing Day

Global Handwashing Day is celebrated throughout the world on 15 October. There is no doubt that we can all agree that 2020 has truly highlighted the importance of handwashing! The Environmental Health Practitioners of in our the Municipal Health Services unit dedicated their the day to educating children and their careers carers at early childhood development centres (ECDs) in the Cape Winelands District.

Through practical class demonstration and interactive presentation, the visiting teams aimed to raise awareness on the importance of washing one's hands with soap and water. It has been widely reported that the correct sanitation of hands (soap and water and/or an alcohol-based sanitiser) again this year remains the least costly and most effective method of preventing the spread of infectious illnesses such as Covid-19.

The combination of effective handwashing and good hygiene has saved many lives in the past. In children, handwashing can prevent intestinal worms and is vital in preventing the spread of diarrhoea, which is life-threatening to young children. Handwashing also prevents the spread of illnesses such as chicken pox, flu and colds.

There is a correct way of washing your hands; just sprinkling some water on them is not enough. To ensure that your hands are germ free, please follow the steps below.



Opsomming

Handwas is en bly die doeltreffendste manier om die verspreiding van kieme en bakterieë wat siekte en selfs die dood veroorsaak, te voorkom. Die Munisipale Gesondheidsdienste het Wêreldwye Handwasdag gebruik as 'n geleentheid om bewaarskole regoor die distrik te besoek en vir kinders en onderwysers te demonstreer hoe om hulle hande reg te was en die verspreiding van siektes soos Covid-19 te voorkom.

Isishwankathelo

Ukuhlanjwa kwezandla kuhlala yaye kusoloko kuyeyona ndlela iyiyo yokhuseleko kusasazeko lweentsholongwane (germs and bacteria), izinto ezo ezibangela ukugula maxa wambi nokufa. IiNkonzo zezeMpilo zikaMasipala zisebenzise olu Suku lweHlabathi lokuHlanjwa kweZandla njengethuba nenyhweba yokuhambela iindawo zokulondoloza abantwana (creches) kwisithili sonke ngenjongo yokubonisa abantwana nootitshala indlela echanekileyo yokuzihamba izandla, ukuze ngokwenza njalo kuthintelwe ukusasazeka kwezigulo ezifana neCOVID-19.

International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction

The Cape Winelands District Municipality (CWDM), in partnership with Santam, hosted a webinar on 12 November 2020 in recognition of International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction under the theme "good governance".

Madonsela who actively engaged with the various presenters and commented, "Thank you. This was wonderful. Well done. What a lifting and learning day. You're hosting a fantastic event."

management legislation.

Ald (Dr) Elna von Schlicht, Executive Mayor of the CWDM, stated,

CWDM's approach and the inclusivity of all role-players are referred to as the benchmark in the current crisis, so it is with pride that I welcome our audience to this event."

The webinar created an interactive platform to enable the attendees to analyse and discuss the theme of good governance and to reflect on how it applied to disaster management in the context of Covid-19 in the jurisdiction of the CWDM. Representatives from the local municipalities and the various clusters such as humanitarian, business, economy, tourism and communications services involved in Covid-19 operations joined to discuss the different aspects of addressing disasters and risk reduction. The audience included Professor Thuli

Further discussions, one of which was titled 'Whose disaster is it anyway?', were facilitated by the NPO Disaster Management Solutions (DMS) and identified the functions and responsibilities of all role-players and stakeholders involved in the management of a disaster. The overall outcome of the webinar was to provide guidelines on how improvements can be made when dealing with Covid-19 and other possible future disasters. Another outcome was to establish how disaster management as a function could be optimised within the local municipalities in terms of disaster

"The principles of good governance, accountability, transparency, responsibility, rule of law, effectiveness and efficiency, equity, inclusiveness and consensus speak straight to the values of our organisation."

This webinar offers all role-players the opportunity to consider ways in which we can be even more effective in the future. I do however want to mention that the

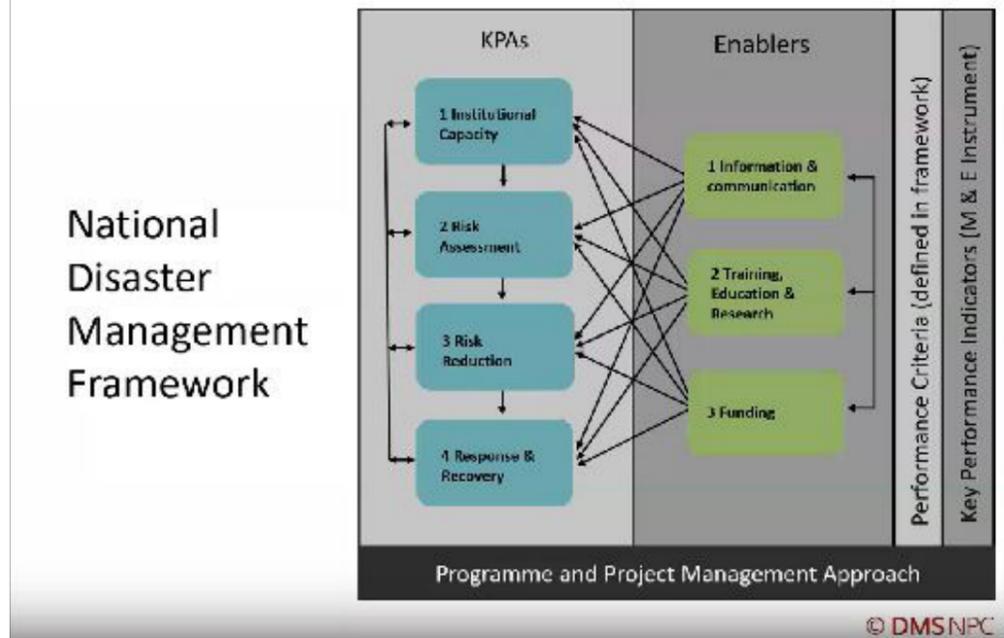
Henry Prins, Municipal Manager of the CWDM, in his closing remarks said, "The Covid-19 pandemic is the kind of disaster that, although based on health, has created immediate action and activities on a huge scale by a wide range of sectors. The vast reach of the pandemic, which continues to affect the health and livelihood of our citizens, is disaster in its purest form. It forces us to continue the battle and the pooling of increasingly limited resources. I do wish to thank everyone involved. The level of response and risk mitigation has been incredible."

Opsomming

Die KWDM se afdeling Rampbestuur het 'n webinar aangebied om die tema van goeie oorsigbestuur te ontleed en bespreek, en te besin oor hoe dit van toepassing is op rampbestuur in die konteks van Covid-19 in die KWDM se regsgebied. Die bywoning was baie goed en het aan rolspelers betrokke by die Covid-19-pandemie die geleentheid gebied om meer te wete te kom van strategieë om risiko in toekomstige rampe te mitigeer.

Isishwankathelo

Icandelo loLawulo lweNtlekele leCWDM, lisindleke iwebinar ngenjongo yokuhlalutya nokuxoxa umbawezolawulo olululo nolungileyo, nokucingisisa indlela elisebenze ngayo, kulawulo lwezintlekele phantsi kwemeko yeCOVID-19, kulo mmandla weCWDM. Lo msitho ubuzinyaswe kakhulu, waze wanika ithuba kubathathi-nxaxheba ababandakanyekayo kulo bhuhane wehlabathi, uyiCOVID-19, lokuba bafunde ngeenqubo namaqhinga okuthomalalisa ungcipheko, kwiintlekele kwixa elizayo.



HAZARD

Defined as a threat to life, well-being, material goods and the environment, caused by extreme natural or man-made processes. Hazards originate from either man-made or nature causes.

Seed Funding and Small Farmer Support Programme

The Local Economic Development (LED) unit of the Cape Winelands District Municipality (CWDM) is mandated to assist in creating an environment in which economic growth can occur.

One facet thereof is the support of startup businesses that are identified through a call for proposals advertised annually in October under the LED's Seed Funding and Small Farmer Support Programme. Through this public process, a variety of projects that require funding and/or support submit their proposals and requests for funding.

As the period from the submission of applications to the actual receipt of funding is quite lengthy (almost a year), it is no wonder that there was great excitement when the identified beneficiaries met in September and October 2020 to finalise their respective Memorandums of Understanding

Opsomming

Die KWDM se eenheid Plaaslike Ekonomiese Ontwikkeling bied jaarliks ondersteuning en mentorskap aan beginbesighede en kleinskaalse boere. Die doel is om klein ondernemings te help groei sodat hulle meer mense in diens kan neem en 'n omgewing kan skep waarbinne ekonomiese ontwikkeling en finansiële onafhanklikheid kan floreer. In hierdie uitgawe word 'n onderhoud met twee van die 33 kwalifiserende begunstigdes gehou – ander sal in toekomstige uitgawes verskyn.

(MOU). In addition to other support the beneficiaries receive as part of this programme, the CWDM offers mentoring in financial matters and assists in the marketing of their businesses.

A great variety of businesses is among the 33 beneficiaries for 2020/2021, such as health and beauty services, services related to clothing manufacture, beading and alterations, hospitality services and a few in the recycling, welding, car maintenance and bicycle maintenance trades.

In this edition of the Grapevine we are featuring two of the recipients – Yolisa Job Creations in Paarl and the Herbal View Hydroponics in Kylemore outside Stellenbosch. Keep an eye out for our next edition for more interviews with and features on innovative entrepreneurs.

Isishwankathelo

Iyunithi eyiLED yeCWDM, minyaka le, isoloko ixhasa yaye icebisa inani elithile loosomashishini abasakhulayo kwakunye namafama asakhasayo. Injongo kukukhulisa amashishini amancinci nasakhulayo khon'ukuze abe nokuqesha abantu abongezelelekileyo ukuze ngokwenza njalo ke kudaleke ubume nemeko ekunokuthi phantsi kwayo kwande uphuhliso lwezoqoqosho kunye nokuzimela, nokungaxhomekeki ngokwezimali. Kolu hlelo, sidlana iindlebe nababini kuma-33 kwabakulungeleyo ukuzuza uncedo – abanye baza kulandela kuluhlu olulandelayo.

Herbal View Hydroponics

After obtaining a diploma in horticulture, Basil Williams founded his business in his parent's backyard in 1996. Over the years, facing many setbacks, he has developed a farm that supplies fresh herbs and edible flowers to restaurants and retail outlets throughout the district.

Herbal View focuses on growing herbs such as coriander, chives, basil and a selection of micro-herbs and vegetables by means of hydroponics, a method of growing plants in a water system. The unsold herbs are dried and then sold as such.

Basil's business has grown and he currently employs seven permanent staff. He shared with the CWDM that the lockdown created havoc with his turnover, which forced him to start making use of social media to market his business. Visit them on Instagram@herbalviewhydroponics.

The funding received from the CWDM will be used to expand and diversify a well-established business. Basil stated, "My aim is to be as sustainable as possible, to create more jobs and to offer a diversified set of skills and especially to empower women to join agriculture."



Basil and his staff tend to their crops that allow for job creation in the Kylemore area.

Yolisa Job Creations

Yolisa Job Creations is situated in Mbekweni in Paarl and specialises in the use of beading in its decorative form. Yolisa started her career crocheting for the Foschini Group and later realised that her real passion lies in the combination of beading and crocheting. This passion, continuous learning from books and a three-month course in beading enabled her to establish Yolisa Job Creations in 2017.

The news that Yolisa was producing beautiful beaded necklaces, waistbands and bracelets was soon spread by word of mouth. But there were bigger dreams, and it was with delight that she started receiving orders for more unique pieces such as beaded spoons and wine glasses. Through active networking, the small business was able to exhibit at the Eastern Cape Provincial Arts and Culture Expo in Port Elizabeth. To further her commitment to grow her business and support the local economy, Yolisa employs youth from the area to assist when she has big orders, which allows her to not only share her beading know-how but also to fulfil her vision of helping her community through job creation.



Yolisa with some of the intricate beadwork on offer
Contact Yolisa Job Creations at 083 762 2696

Developing Rural Sports

There is almost nothing as exhilarating for any keen sports person as scoring a try, hitting an ace, or pitching that all-winning goal through the net. And almost nothing makes a parent prouder than sharing in their children's joy. During the past seven years, the Cape Winelands District Municipality's Technical Services has made it possible for thousands of citizens to experience exhilaration through sporting success.

The CWDM funds the construction of a variety of sporting facilities and has since the inception of this project in 2013 completed 36 projects. A variety of facilities are provided, and the type and extent are determined by the needs expressed through public participation and the funding available.

The following facilities have been provided and handed over to promote rural sports development during the period July 2013 to July 2020:

- 11 multipurpose courts on which basketball, netball, volleyball and tennis can be played
- 13 sports fields (for cricket/rugby/soccer, etc.) and courts have been developed or received maintenance/upgrading
- 5 sports grounds were fitted with security fencing, sprinklers or floodlighting
- 6 clubhouses with ablution facilities were built
- 12 sports facilities were provided with pavilions, encouraging spectator attendance and involvement in fund raising

The cost of construction and building materials, together with the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic will have an impact on the CWDM's ability to deliver on an ever-increasing need for facilities.

The Executive Mayor of the Cape Winelands District Municipality, Ald (Dr) Elna

von Schlicht, commented, "I am particularly proud of the impact that these projects have on the lives of our children. We all know that sport is an activity that promotes principles such as self-discipline, leadership, teamwork, honesty, sportsmanship and healthy living. The lessons learned in sport also help people understand that sometimes one fails and that the hardest thing to do is start again, because you will never win if you don't keep trying. These are precisely the characteristics we encourage in our citizens.

"The provision of sporting facilities to our rural schools and sports federations is a vital part of attaining our vision of a united Cape Winelands of sustainable excellence."

The Technical Services department funds projects such as the building of sports facilities, sidewalks and embayments from the Council's own funds. "Given the current economic situation, our department has had to revisit our projects and consider innovative ways in which we can continue to provide sporting facilities. During the next few months, we are committed to providing services such as the rehabilitation of netball courts at two rural schools, installing sprinkler systems at four rugby fields and delivering four spectator pavilions," stated Francois van Eck, Executive Director: Technical Services at a recent meeting.

The CWDM is further committed to enhancing citizen wellness and dignity through a variety of projects such as the subsidisation of solar geysers for farmworker houses. The Social Development unit promotes youth development by supporting sports and sports-related events such as rugby and tennis league matches.



Photo 1 Before



Photo 2 After



Photo 3

Opsomming

Die KWDM se Tegnieese Dienste is verantwoordelik vir die oprigting en instandhouding van sportgeriewe. Die departement het gedurende die afgelope sewe jaar 35 projekte voltooi, wat wissel van die oprigting van klubhuise tot die konstruksie en installering van veeldoelige bane. Leerders en sportentoesiaste word sodoende die geleentheid gegun om aan verskeie sportsoorte deel te neem, 'n bydraende faktor tot die ontwikkeling van inwoners op 'n positiewe wyse.

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IiNkonzo zoBugcisa zeCWDM zinoxanduva lokwakihiwa nokulolongwa kwamabala nezibonelelo zezemidlalo. Kule minyaka isixhenxe idlulileyo, isebe liqalibe iiprojekthi ezingama-35 ezisusela kulwakihiwo lwamaziko ezemidlalo ukuya ekwakihiweni nokwenziwa kwamabala ekudlalwa kuwo imidlalo emininzi eyahlukeneyo. Abafundi nabathandi bezemidlalo ngokwenza oku, banikwa iithuba lokuxhamla kuthatho-nxaxheba lwemidlalo eyahlukeneyo. nto leyo inegalelo kuphuhliso lwabemi ngokulungileyo nangendlela eyiyo.

Photo 1: Before: Rocky ground with no irrigation and nowhere for players to change, or for spectators to urge their team to a win
Photo 2: The same field with a clubhouse and much softer landings for players
Photo 3: The netball players ready to play their first matches on a proper surface, while urging the Mayor to 'goi 'n doel' on the day the court was opened.