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## Ten out of Ten!

The Cape Winelands District Municipality (CWDM) is happy to announce that the Auditor-General has expressed the tenth consecutive unqualified audit opinion with no findings for the municipality.

The Auditor-General's scope covers the auditing of financial statements, and reporting of performance against predetermined objectives and compliance with laws and regulations. To obtain a 'clean audit', it is required that the financial statements be free of material misstatements and that there are no material findings on reporting on performance objectives, or non-compliance with legislation.

"I am delighted that the Cape Winelands District Municipality has achieved this 10th consecutive clean audit. In these challenging times, this proves that where there is a committed council supported by strong, highly qualified administrative leadership, there can be effective service delivery whilst remaining cognisant of the stringent legislation guiding all supply

### Tien uit tien vir die Kaapse Wynland Distriksmunisipaliteit

Die KWDM is die trotse ontvanger van die tiende agtereenvolgende ongekwalifiseerde ouditmening sonder enige bevindinge deur die Ouditeur-General, ook bekend as 'n 'skoon oudit'. Die Burgemeester het gesê dis 'n bewys dat waar daar 'n toegewyde raad is wat deur sterk, hoogs gekwalifiseerde administratiewe leierskap ondersteun word, daar doeltreffende dienslewering kan wees. Die Munisipale Bestuurder het gesê "dit getuig dat die munisipaliteit sy beskikbare fondse doeltreffend en effektief aanwend om te voldoen aan die behoeftes van ons inwoners, soos verwoord in ons GOP, en wat uiteindelik daartoe lei dat ons beter dienste aan ons gemeenskappe kan lewer."

chain processes and performance management offices," said Executive Mayor of the CWDM, Ald (Dr) Elna von Schlicht.

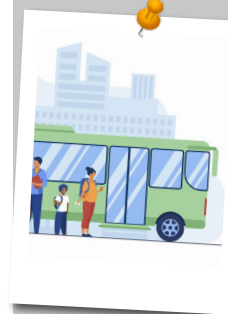
The CWDM's Municipal Manager, Henry Prins who is celebrating his 13th clean audit over two municipalities stated, "This 10th consecutive clean audit opinion bears witness to the Cape Winelands District Municipality's strong financial management, sound internal controls and a robust budgeting process. These elements demonstrate that the municipality utilises funds at its disposal efficiently and effectively to meet the needs of our citizens as expressed through our IDP, ultimately resulting in improved service delivery for the communities we serve."

The CWDM has a proven track record in business support and is the preferred partner in the growth of businesses and in sourcing a wide range of investment opportunities that result in upskilling our communities and creating jobs. Thus, this clean audit is once again testament to the fact that the municipality utilises its funds to the benefit of the community we serve.

### ICWDM ikhumbula umhla weMpilo yomMandla weHlabathi (World Environmental Health Day)

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## Travel safely this holiday



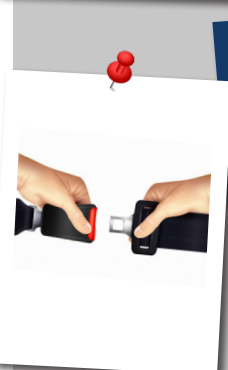
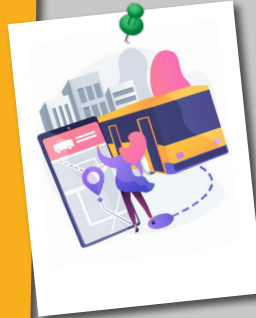
### Usage of public transport

- Do not use transport that is overloaded. One person per seat.
- Buckle up, even when sitting in the back.
- Make sure the driver is sober.
- If the driver speeds or uses a cellphone, tell him/her to stop.
- Use a reputable service.



### Before driving

- Make sure your car is roadworthy. Check water, oil and tyres.
- Charge cellphones.
- Check your route, and plan stops/breaks.
- Make sure you have some cash in case card machines are not working.
- Pack extra snacks and entertainment for the children.



### While driving

- Rest well – don't drive if you are tired.
- Take enough body breaks.
- Stay vigilant.
- Eyes on the road, tyres on the tar.
- Check blind spots.
- Do not let passengers disturb you.
- Do not use your cellphone whilst driving.
- Buckle up.
- Do not take chances.

**#SafeintheCapeWinelands**  
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## LGBTQAI+ A colourful event



The Rural and Social Development unit of the Community Development and Planning Services Department supported and participated in a range of activities across the Cape Winelands as part of the 16 Days of Activism period.

One of the most colourful events was the LGBTQAI+ procession held in Ashton on 2 December 2023. Lead by local members of the LGBTQAI+ community, the event was met with plenty of smiles and warmth from bystanders and participants alike. We hope that this is the first of many such events to create awareness and enhance understanding among our diverse population.

As the festive season embraces us with joy and warmth, we extend our heartfelt wishes to each one of you. May this season be filled with love, laughter, and the cherished company of family and friends.

Let's take a moment to reflect on the blessings we've shared throughout the year and express gratitude for the strength of our community. We trust that the spirit of unity and goodwill will continue to shine brightly in our district.



**Ald (Dr) Elna von Schlicht**  
Executive Mayor:  
Cape Winelands District Municipality

During this holiday season, let us also remember those who may be facing challenges and lend a helping hand wherever we can. Together, we can make a positive impact and spread the true essence of this season throughout our beloved Cape Winelands District.

For those travelling and for those staying home, be safe on the roads. We also extend a warm welcome to tourists visiting the Cape Winelands District and hope you have a wonderful and enjoyable time exploring a thousand things to do and a glass of wine in our charming district.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a new year filled with hope and prosperity.

Beste wishes  
CWDM Council

## Festive Greetings

Terwyl die komende feestyd ons met vreugde en warmte omhels, wil ons ook ons seënswense teenoor elkeen van julle uitspreek. Mag hierdie seisoen gevul wees met die liefde, vreugde en kosbare geselskap van familie en vriende.

Kom ons staan 'n oomblik stil om te besin oor die seënninge wat ons deur die jaar gedeel het en ons dankbaarheid betuig vir die krag van ons gemeenskap. Ons vertrou dat die gees van eendrag en welwillendheid helder in ons distrik sal aanhou skyn.

Laat ons gedurende hierdie vakansietyd ook diegene onthou wat moontlik voor uitdagings te staan kom en 'n handjie bysit waar ons ook al kan. Tesame kan ons 'n positiewe impak maak en die weselike van hierdie seisoen deur ons geliefde Kaapse Wynland-distrik versprei.

Vir diegene wat reis en vir diegene wat tuis bly, bly veilig op die paaie. Ons sê ook baie welkom aan toeriste wat die Kaapse Wynland-distrik besoek en hoop dat julle 'n wonderlike en genotvolle tyd sal hê terwyl julle 'n duisend dinge verken en 'n glasie wyn in ons bekoorlike distrik geniet.

Ons wens u 'n Geseënde Kersfees en 'n nuwe jaar vol hoop en voorspoed toe.

Beste wense  
Raad van die KWDM

Njengokuba ixesha leholide lusamkelangolonwabo nobushushu, sininqwenelela ngokunyanisekileyo. Eli xesha leholide linga lingazala uthando ukuhleka nobukho obulondolozayo bosapho nabahlobo.

Makhe sithathe umzuzu sicinge ngeentsikelelo esabelene ngazo kunyaka wonke nokuvakalisa umbulelo wamandla oluntu lwethu. Sithemba ukuba umoya womanyano nenzondelelo ziya kuqhubeka zikhanya kwisithili sethu.

Ngexesha lale holide masikhumbule kwakho ukuba abo bangakongana nemiceli-mngeni kwaye sinke uncedo apho sinokukwazi. Sisonke singenza impembelelo eyakhaya nokusasaza ubuntu obuyinyaniso kweli xesha leholide kwisiThili sonke saseCape Winelands esithandekayo.

Kwabo bahambayo kwanabo bahleli emakhaya nikhuseleke ezindleleni. Sikwamkela abakhenkethi abatyelele kwisiThili saseCape Winelands ngobushushu kwaye sinthemba lokuba nibe nexesha elimnandi nelimangalisayo lokuhlola izinto eziliwaka kunye newayini kwisithili sethu esinomtsalane.

Sininqwenelela iKresimesi emnandi nonyaka omtsha ozele ithemba nobomi bolonwabo.

Iminqweno emihle.  
IBhunga laseCWDM





Dear Readers,

Although we are halfway through our financial year, the end of our calendar year and all the activity that comes with the festive season seem to have arrived almost overnight! And what a year it has been. In our capacity as Regional Tourism Office, I have been happy to hear that visitor numbers are in some places exceeding those of pre-Covid

figures. We have been working hard together with our partners, the 15 local tourism associations and Wesgro, to promote the area to local, national and international visitors. After agriculture, tourism is the biggest contributor to economic development.

But tourism is in the hands of not only the hospitality industry. We all have a role to play to ensure that our streets, communities and towns are safe, visitor friendly and inviting. It costs no money to be friendly to visitors.

The Cape Winelands District Municipality is fulfilling our mandated functions to ensure that we are doing all that we can to grow our lovely district. Our Municipal Health Services ensure that the air we breathe, the water we drink (and swim in) and in fact all the food we consume are fit for human consumption by conducting regular inspections, testing, awareness raising and training at facilities that produce or manufacture consumable products. Our Fire and Disaster Services respond to and manage all manner of events that threaten the lives and livelihoods of our citizens and visitors. Most recently, our Fire Services managed a hazardous chemical spill that could have had catastrophic consequences had it not been properly managed. On a side note, this event was a wonderful example of intergovernmental relationships as services on the scene included Drakenstein Municipality, Provincial Traffic and SAPS, all of whom executed their responsibilities so that the situation was contained and resolved expediently.

Through our Disaster Management function, we have established a number of community safety forums that aim to enable resources to support neighbourhood watches and other community safety organisations. The Rural and Social Development team hosted several awareness programmes. World Aids Day (WAD) was commemorated at grass roots level with NGOs and community development workers to help address the HIV risk faced by young people. Following this, a lively dialogue was hosted with learners on the topics of prevention, stigma and treatment. As part of the 16 Days of Activism programme, the department hosted a colourful procession in Ashton to create increased understanding of the LGBTQ community on the rural platform. The CWDM's Technical Services, through the Road Agency function, are continuously maintaining the 3 700 km of gravel and minor roads, much of which were exacerbated by the floods in September. The division has also hosted a number of educational programmes aimed at sharing information in order to help people make safer use of public transport.

Furthermore, we have managed to engage directly with communities through our public participation process. I was particularly interested to see that many SMMEs visited the Supply Chain Management section to find out more about doing business with us. Our organisation has been engaged in extensive internal performance, audit and risk identification processes to assess and improve our service delivery.

I am proud to share that we have achieved our 10th clean audit. It is only through consistent hard work and determination by a dedicated workforce that this has been achieved. Please be assured that the Cape Winelands District Municipality continues to find opportunities to create an environment that will promote partnerships and improve the quality of life so that all in the Cape Winelands can thrive.

I wish you all a very safe festive season and I pray for a prosperous 2024 for all.

*Henry Prins*

# From the desk of the Executive Mayor



**Ald (Dr) Elna von Schlicht**  
Executive Mayor:  
Cape Winelands District Municipality

challenges we encountered.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to all community members for their exceptional dedication and understanding during the unprecedented floods we experienced this year.

To the community members who lent a helping hand during the flood recovery efforts, your support and contributions have been invaluable. Your willingness to stand together in times of need is testament to the strength and unity of our community. As we continue to repair the severely damaged infrastructure, kindly accept our sincere gratitude for your patience and understanding.

We have successfully concluded our Mayoral Mondays roadshow, and I want to express my gratitude to all who participated. Your engagement in these public participation and community-building efforts is important to us. Our public participation process is open up until February 2024, during which we will consider all input for the draft budget. In March/April 2024, the draft budget will go through a public participation process for public input and consideration. If any organisation or NGO missed any of our Mayoral Monday sessions, please note that there are further opportunities to contact us. You may send us an email to [mdp@capewinelands.gov.za](mailto:mdp@capewinelands.gov.za) for us to note all your concerns and input towards our draft budget for the year 2024/2025.

I encourage you to stay involved and continue being active participants in shaping the future of our district.

Dear Readers,

As we draw the curtains on the year 2023, I find it fitting to express my sincere gratitude to all residents for your resilience, support and collaboration. The last few weeks of the calendar year present us with the opportunity to reflect on the highlights, successes and accomplishments throughout the district. Similarly, we are reminded of the various

Should you have any questions or suggestions regarding projects or any other community matters, please feel free to reach out to my office. Your input is invaluable, and we are here to listen. This is true democracy in action.

As we approach the festive season, I urge everyone to embrace the joy of the holidays responsibly. Our district holds a unique charm, and I encourage you to explore and enjoy the beauty it has to offer. Remember to keep safety in mind and let us all contribute to creating a secure environment for one another.

With the onset of the veld fire season, it is crucial to remain vigilant and prepared. As the municipality we have strengthened our ability to respond to veld fires with our recently acquired incident command vehicle. This vehicle contains state-of-the-art technology and equipment that will assist the command team in strategising and planning on how to mitigate major events on the scene and to keep our community safe.

In the spirit of fostering a safer community we must urgently address the scourge of violence against women and children. The manner in which our women and children are continuously victimised is a reflection of the need for ongoing interventions in this space. The CWDM remains committed to combating this evil that plagues our society. We have various awareness programmes, activist events and workshops running throughout the district. It is our collective responsibility to create an environment in which everyone feels secure and respected. Let us all stand united against gender-based violence.

To all residents who celebrate Christmas, I extend warm wishes for a joyful and peaceful holiday season. May this festive season bring you happiness, and may the coming year be filled with prosperity and good health.

As we approach the end of the year, I encourage each one of you to take some time to rest and rejuvenate. Enjoy the break with your loved ones and return in 2024 to tackle the year head-on.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to making the Cape Winelands District a thriving and resilient community. Together, our collective efforts have truly made a positive impact. Wishing you all a wonderful festive season and a prosperous new year.

Sincerely Your Mayor,

*Elna von Schlicht*

## Certificate of Excellence received

The Cape Winelands District Municipality (CWDM) received a certificate for outstanding achievement in contribution to financial governance at the SALGA Women's Commission

National Lekgotla 2023, following the Municipal Women Leadership Excellence Awards held on 28 September 2023.



**Sertifikaat van Voortreflikheid ontvang**  
Die Kaapse Wynland Distriksmunisipaliteit (KWDM) het 'n sertifikaat vir uitstekende prestasie in bydrae tot finansiële regeringsbestuur by die Nasionale Lekgotla 2023 van die SALGA Vrouekommissie ontvang na aanleiding van die Munisipale Voortreflikheid in Vroueleierskap-toekennings op 28 September 2023.

**Kufunyenwe isiQinisekiso sokuGqwesa**  
UMasipala wesiThili waseCape Winelands (CWDM) ufumene isiqinisekiso sempumelelo ebalaseleyo kwigalelo lolawulo lwezemali kwi-SALGA Women's Commission National Lekgotla ngowama-2023, kulandela amaBhaso obuNkokheli obuFazi bakaMasipala ebebanjwe ngomhla wama-28 kweyoMsintsi wama-2023.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

**Drakenstein:** 021 807 4500 / 021 872 2323  
**Langeberg:** 086 088 1111  
**Breede Valley:** 023 342 2430  
**Witzenberg:** 023 316 2328 / 9  
**Stellenbosch:** 021 808 8890



**Cramming in the Jams**  
The CWDM Executive Mayor extended congratulations to Nigel and Christynn Jacobs of Jacobs Jam in Ceres who were recognised as the best SMME supplier by the Checkers/Shoprite group. Jacobs Jams is one of the many SMMEs that the CWDM have supported.



Congratulations to the CWDM's Speaker Ald. Donovan Joubert, who passed Cum Laude, and Cllr Hector Yabo for earning their qualification in Leadership in Municipal Governance (LMG) Programme offered by Wits School of Governance.



# Grassroots approach for WAD

World Aids Day is an annual event held on 1 December as a reminder of the world-wide struggle against HIV. While the treatment regime, quality of life and life expectancy of those living with HIV have improved, it remains a controversial disease. This year, the CWDM's Rural and Social Development unit supported the event that was held in Worcester.

The first part of the day began with a meeting of individuals who work on community-based platforms. "Often, treatment plans or campaigns are developed by people only working in one area of HIV, such as ourselves here at the clinic, but HIV touches so many life facets," said Sister Abrey Arendse, Operations Manager of Worcester Community Day Centre (CDC). "We have to work across departments and organisations to support those of you working directly in communities. You are an extended hand of

care. We cannot win alone."

The second part of the day addressed HIV amongst the youth. Cllr Minnie Petersen, portfolio holder for Rural and Social Development (CWDM), said, "This year's theme is 'Let Communities Lead'. It aims to empower us all to fight HIV together through caring for one another, sharing information and behaving responsibly. Let us make sure we are the leaders in our communities."

As part of the event, a dialogue was held during which learners could share their opinions on disclosure and the reasons people do not speak out. When pressed about why people do not disclose their status, one learner answered, "Because they are worried about what people will say!"

Terrence O'rie, HIV Coordinator for Western Cape Health and Wellness in the Cape Winelands, informed the audience that the group with the highest infection rate is currently aged between 15 and 25 years. He said, "It is ok to visit the clinic to seek help before you become ill. There are many ways we can help you." He also shared information on the BeWise App that contains answers to many health questions. Users can download the app by visiting [www.bewise.com](http://www.bewise.com).

Topics that were discussed included teenage pregnancy and its role in HIV, prevention and prophylaxis, gender-based violence and legislation that is in place to assist victims, as well as accessing help via the Thuthuzela Centre at Worcester Hospital.

## Wêreld Vigsdag: Omgee op voetsoolvlak

Wêreld Vigsdag is 'n jaarlikse geleentheid wat op 1 Desember as 'n herinnering aan die wêreldwye stryd teen MIV gehou word. Die KWDM se eenheid vir Landelike en Maatskaplike Ontwikkeling het vanjaar die geleentheid wat in Worcester gehou is, ondersteun. Die eerste deel van die dag het begin met 'n vergadering van individue wat op gemeenskapsgebaseerde platforms werk. Die tweede deel het gehandel oor MIV onder die jeug, aangesien die groep met die hoogste infeksiekoers tans tussen 15 en 25 jaar oud is. Die BeWise-app wat antwoorde op baie gesondheidsvrae bevat, kan afgelaai word van [www.bewise.com](http://www.bewise.com).

## UMhla wesiFo seNthlongwane kaGawulayo weHlabathi (Aids): Ukubambana ngezandla kwinqanaba lanamaxhwitha-ntamo

UMhla wesiFo seNthlongwane kaGawulayo weHlabathi sisiganeko seminyaka yonke esibanjwa ngomhla woku-1 kweyoMnga njengesikhumbuzo sosukuzana seHlabathi jikelele ngakwiNtsholongwane kaGawulayo (HIV). Kulo nyaka isebe loPhuhliso loLuntu nolwasemaPhandleni luxhase esi siganeko ebisibanjelwe eWorcester. Inxalenye yokuqala yosuku ibambe intlanganiso nabantu abasebenza kumaqonga asekelwe kuluntu. Inxalenye yesibini yaba kukulungisa iHIV kulutsha, njengeqela elinomlinganiselo ophezulu wosuleleko lwakutsha-nje oluphakathi kweminyaka eli-15-25 ubudala. Inkqubo ethi BeWise ineempendulo kwiuzo emininzi yezempilo, ungakhuphela kule webhusayithi: [www.bewise.com](http://www.bewise.com).



Youth engaging on sensitive matters.



Group of community foot soldiers  
Back row from left: Mpumi Mvinjelwa, HTA Coordinator: Boland Hospice; Gerrie Swartz, Chair: Worcester CDC Committee; Bongani Mshaba, Psychosocial Social Worker: Vodacom Foundation; Michael Maatjan, Worcester CDC Committee; Francina Witbooi, Counsellor: Worcester CDC; Redah Cox, Community Liaison Officer, WCG H & W in CWD; Dalbrin Gertze, Social Worker and CSA for TB and HIV: Worcester Senior Secondary School; Cllr Glenda Daames, BVM; Redgy Elias, Community Worker: Change Makers; Terrence O'rie, HIV Coordinator for WCG H & W in CWD; Front from left: Sister Astrid April, Programme Coordinator: WCG H & W CBS; Myrtle Benjamin, Programme Coordinator: Rural and Social Development CWDM; Erna Victor, volunteer, Rodewal Project; Sister Abrey Arendse, Operational Manager: Worcester CDC; Johanna Snyders, Community Worker: Boland Hospice; Michelle September, Counsellor, HAST: Worcester CDC.

## From page 1... Travel safely this holiday

**Going out for the day When walking**

- Don't walk where you can't be seen; BE visible, wear light-coloured clothing.
- Make sure you have enough water, snacks and pocket money.
- Stay away from busy roads if you are a pedestrian.

**Safety while socialising**

- Never let children swim without supervision.
- When socialising at home, remember to keep gates and doors leading outside closed.
- Make sure doors are locked before going to bed.
- Always wear a hat and sunblock when outside.

## CWDM encourages unity against GBV

South Africa continues to battle the pandemic of gender-based violence (GBV) and we need to remain committed to the fight for 365 days of the year. The annual 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence campaign that runs from 25 November to 10 December places the spotlight on this scourge.

To launch the 2023 campaign, the Cape Winelands District Municipality (CWDM) engaged with various partners on Friday 24 November in Montagu, Langeberg. Stakeholders such as the Western Cape Government, Langeberg Municipality, SAPS and various other community-based organisations were present to show solidarity against GBV, especially in our most vulnerable communities.

Councillor Minnie Petersen, portfolio holder for Rural and Social Development, motivated the attendees with these words: "While the campaign runs for only 16 days each year, our objective is to install a year-long proactive approach to combat this pandemic in our societies. As it affects all of us, we all need to be involved. We must strive to create a safe family environment and leave no one behind as we continue this fight."

It is well known that a great number of GBV cases are not reported. The CWDM wants to assure our citizens that victimisation and suffering need not continue. Help is available. There are organisations and people determined to help you become a survivor. All you need to do is ask for help. We oppose all forms of gender-based violence and make our stance on this issue abundantly clear.

We have implemented various programmes, activist events and workshops aimed at confronting and preventing gender-based violence throughout our district. Together with our partners and the community, we will herald a new era of awareness and the rejection of all gender-based violence in society.

**GENDER BASED VIOLENCE SPEAK UP**

**CWDM encourages unity against GBV**  
Suid-Afrika gaan steeds gebuk onder die pandemie van geslagsgebaseerde geweld (GGG) en ons moet ons vir 365 dae van die jaar aan die stryd verbind. Die jaarlikse 16 Dae van Aktiwisme teen Geslagsgebaseerde Geweld-veldtog is op 24 November in Montagu deur die KWDM en ander belanghebbendes bekendgestel. Raadslid Minnie Petersen het bywoners daaraan herinner dat GGG ons almal raak en dat ons dus almal betrokke moet raak. Verskeie organisasies is beskikbaar om slagoffers by te staan – al wat hulle moet doen, is om hulp te vra (sien lys hierbo).

**ICWDM ikhuthaza umanyano ngakwi-GBV**  
UMzantsi Afrika uyaqhubeka nokulwa isifo esikho jikelele sobugebenga okusekelwe kwisini (GBV) kwaye kufuneka sihlale sizibophelele ekulweni iintsuku ezingama-365 zonyaka. IiNtsuku ezili-16 zokuququzela ubuTshantliziyo ngakubuGebenga obusekelwe kwisini buqalisiwe yiCWDM nabanye abachaphazelekayo eMontagu ngomhla wama-24 kweyeNkanga. Uceba Minnie Petersen ukhumbuze abo bebhoko ukuba i-GBV isichukumisa sonke kwaye kungoko kufuneka sizibandakanye. Imibutho emininzi ikhona ukunceda amaxhoba- ekufuneka bonke bekwenzile kukucela uncedo (jonga uluhlu olungasentla).

## ARE YOU DISASTER READY?

**Yellow Alert Be Aware**  
Yellow warnings are issued when it is likely that the weather will cause some low-level impacts and the consequences are minor. Sometimes yellow warnings will also be issued when the consequences might be severe, but the probability is very low. Yellow alert is for weather conditions that do not pose any immediate threat to the public. It is only for the ones who are exposed to any sort of risk because of the location they live in.

**Orange Alert Be Prepared**  
This alert is to notify that the weather conditions in a particular region may have the capacity to magnify and significantly impact the lives of the people living in a particular area. ORANGE ALERT implies that all the recipients living in the affected region should prepare themselves appropriately to face the anticipated conditions.

**Red Alert Take Action**  
This alert is to notify that the recipients need to take action to protect themselves and all their properties. This could be by moving their families out of the danger zone, that is by evacuating or by just staying indoors or any other measures that aim at reducing the effects the calamity would cause.

**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**  
**National Department of Social Development tollfree line: 0800 220 250**  
**Provincial Department of Social Development, Cape Winelands regional office: 023 348 5300**

**GBVCC: Call 0800 428 428. Send a "please call me" to 120\*7867#;**  
**Skype: "Helpme GBV"; SMS "Help" to 315131.**  
**TCC – Worcester Hospital: 023 348 1294**

A complete list of contact details for victims of crime and violence is available at [www.westerncape.gov.za/social-development](http://www.westerncape.gov.za/social-development), You can also contact your nearest court, clinic, or hospital.



# Gearing up for fire season

The Western Cape Government, in collaboration with the Cape Winelands District Municipality (CWDM) and various stakeholders, officially launched the Provincial Fire Readiness Initiative in Stellenbosch on Monday 27 November 2023. As the region braces for a potentially busy fire season, the CWDM is at the forefront of ensuring preparedness and coordination to safeguard lives, property and the environment.

Ald (Dr) Elna von Schlicht, CWDM Executive Mayor, highlighted the importance of collaboration: "Our readiness and response capabilities hinge on collaborative efforts. The Cape Winelands District Municipality, local municipalities, Cape Nature, the Winelands Fire Protection Association and the Western Cape Government play important roles in ensuring coordinated responses to fire incidents in our district. By pooling our resources and coordinating our efforts, we enhance our ability to effectively and efficiently manage fire-related challenges."



During the previous fire season (July 2022 to April 2023), the Fire Services responded to 1 130 fires of which the majority occurred in the Stellenbosch and Drakenstein areas.

The wet winter has led to vigorous vegetation growth, setting the stage for a potentially busy fire season as hot, dry and windy conditions have been predicted. Furthermore, the extensive flooding experienced in June and September has damaged minor (gravel) roads that are crucial for accessing remote areas, adding another level of complexity to firefighting efforts.

With these odds, the Fire Services are approaching the season with 110 staff working in three shifts at five fire depots in the district, strategically distributed for firefighting, control room duties and incident command support. Aerial firefighting support is secured through Leading Edge Aerial Resources that utilises two helicopters to assist with water bombing, reconnaissance flights and the trooping of ground crews to

areas inaccessible by foot, when required. Ground teams of 10 members each are contracted via two contractors, adding a further 90 members who will be available for the veld fire season.

The allocation of operational firefighting vehicles has been meticulously planned to ensure a robust response capability. Each fire depot will have the minimum vehicles required. The twelve immediately available vehicles will be manned with at least two firefighters each. Stellenbosch and Worcester will each have two major pumper veld firefighting vehicles and one light 4x4 veld firefighting vehicle with skid units, while Wellington, Ceres and Robertson will each have one major and one light firefighting vehicle with a skid unit. This strategic allocation ensures that the municipality is prepared to address fire incidents effectively across various locations with specialised vehicles designed for different firefighting scenarios.

A major 4x4 veld firefighting vehicle is defined as a vehicle with the capacity of a 3 800 litres-per-minute pump and a minimum water tank capacity of 4 500 litres. A light 4x4 veld firefighting vehicle will carry a skid unit consisting of a 600 litre water tank and a pump driven by a 13 HP engine.

And then there is our state-of-the-art, custom-designed mobile incident command bus. This bus will enable the CWDM, its partners and other role-players to assemble in an easily accessible vehicle and effectively predict, plan and initiate mitigation actions in response to major incidents that pose a threat to the community and property.

Ald (Dr) Elna von Schlicht concluded, "Let us face the upcoming fire season with resilience, cooperation and a shared determination. Our collective efforts are crucial in protecting lives, property, the environment and livelihoods in the Cape Winelands District Municipality."



## KWDM maak gereed vir uitdagende brandseisoen

Tydens die amptelike bekendstelling van die Provinsiale Inisiatief vir Brandgereedheid in Stellenbosch op 27 November het die Uitvoerende Burgemeester beklemtoon dat gereedheid en die vermoë om te reageer van samewerkende pogings afhang. Die KWDM, plaaslike munisipaliteite, Cape Nature, die Wynland BBV en die WKR speel belangrike rolle om gekoördineerde reaksies op brandvoorvalle in ons distrik te verseker. Die Brandweerdienste is gereed vir wat voorspel is om 'n besige brandseisoen te wees met permanente personeel, lugondersteuning en gekontrakteerde grondspanne. Operasionele brandbestrydingsvoertuie is strategies aan die vyf brandweerdepos toegewys en die insidentbevelbus sal in reaksie op groot voorvalle aangewend word om stappe vir versagting doeltreffend te voorspel, te beplan en te inisieer.

## ICWDM izilungiselele ixesha lemililo

Kukuvulwa okusemthethweni kwesiQalelo sokuLungela umLilo wePhondo eStellenbosch ngomhla wama-27 kweyeNkanga iMeya igxinise ukuba ubuchule bokulungela nobokuphendula buxhomekeke kwiinzame zentsebenziswano. ICWDM, oomasipala basekhaya, iCape Nature, iWinelands FPA ne-WCG ziqinisekisa ngeempendulo ezilungiselelweyo kwizehlo zomililo kwisithili sethu. IiNkonzo zomLilo zikulungele oko kuqikelelwe ukuba liya kuba lixesha lemililo elixakekileyo ngestafu esisigxina, ngenkxaso yasemoyeni nangamaqela afikelela kwiindawo ezininzi aqhelsiweyo. Izithuthi zezicima-mlilo ezisebenzayo zabiwe ngobuchule kwiindawo ezihlala kuzo ezine zemililo nebhasi yolawula isehlo ziya kusetyenziswa kuqikelelo olululo, ukucwangcisa nokuqalisa izenzo zokunciphisa impendulo yezehlo ezikhulu.

# Firefighters graduate

"The objective of the Cape Winelands Firefighting Training programme goes beyond imparting skills; it is about shaping lives and making a profound impact on our communities," stated the Executive Mayor of the Cape Winelands District Municipality, Ald (Dr) Elna von Schlicht, during the 2023 graduation ceremony held at the CWDM's Firefighter Training Academy in Stellenbosch.

"This year alone, our training academy has trained 220 students and the Cape Winelands District Municipality approved R80 million for Fire Services in this financial year," the Mayor continued.

The Spring Class of 2023 included 32 firefighters who successfully completed the Firefighter 1 course, of which 28 completed the additional Hazmat Awareness and Operations courses. These dedicated firefighters represented the South African Navy, the Cape Winelands District, and the municipalities of Langeberg, Swartland, Beaufort West, Bergrivier, Stellenbosch, Cederberg and the Overberg District, and successfully completed an intense 12-week training programme.

Notably, three of the graduates were female students from Langeberg, Stellenbosch and Swartland municipalities. "It was tough, tougher than I expected but standing here today, it was worth it. You should always just stay resilient," said Jamie Maart, female firefighter from Stellenbosch Municipality.

The training programme covered both theoretical and practical aspects, with the physical component often proving to be the most

demanding. Despite being an exceptional group of new firefighters, a few students stood out and received awards as the top students of the course. Dylan Williams emerged as the best theoretical student in Hazmat Operations, while Niven Langdown earned the title of best practical student for the same course. In the Firefighter 1 course, Sean Gordon secured the title of best theoretical student, and Nivaan Rambaran was named the best practical student. Randall Sophe's commendable efforts in the Hazmat Awareness course were also recognised. Furthermore, Jamie Maart received recognition as the most disciplined student, Jacean Klaase as the most improved student, and Nivaan Rambaran as the overall student of the course.

"I have gained great knowledge and skills during this experience and I am grateful, especially for the guidance received from all instructors. I look forward to implementing all I have learned and making them proud." In appreciation of the Cape Winelands Fire Services Academy and Mr Heinrich Louw, Regional Commander: Training, Nivaan Rambaran spoke with much hope for his future after the graduation.

The ceremony featured an impressive motorcade parade, goosebump-worthy drill demonstrations and the official christening of the new incident command (IC) bus.

The CWDM proudly welcomed its state-of-the-art, custom-designed mobile IC bus in July 2023. Employees were given the opportunity to name the vehicle and after much deliberation she was officially



christened "The Sentinel" during the passing-out parade. The term sentinel is defined as guardian or protector, symbolising someone who watches over and stands guard. This perfectly encapsulates the function of the IC bus. She will affectionately be known as "Lady Sentinel" and will enable the CWDM, its partners and other stakeholders to assemble in an easily accessible vehicle to efficiently predict, plan and initiate mitigation actions in response to major incidents that threaten the community and property.

The Mayor left the graduates with these words, "To the Spring Class of 2023, congratulations on your achievement. Your bravery and dedication to service are commendable. As you step into the roles of firefighters, know that you play a crucial part in ensuring the safety and resilience of our communities."

## Welgedaan aan twee-en-dertig gegradueerde brandbestryders van regoor die provinsie!

Die Lenteklas van 2023 wat die Kaapse Wynland Brandweerdienste Akademie bygewoon het, het 32 brandbestryders van die Suid-Afrikaanse Vloot, distrik- en plaaslike munisipaliteite ingesluit wat 'n intensiewe 12-weke-opleidingsprogram bestaande uit sowel teoretiese as praktiese aspekte suksesvol voltooi het. Die gradeplegtigheid het onder meer 'n indrukwekkende motorstoetparade, hoendervleis-waardige demonstrasies van brandweeroefeninge en die amptelike benaming van die nuwe insidentbevelbus na "Lady Sentinel" behels. Die Burgemeester het die gegradueerdes gelukkewens en hulle vir hul dapperheid en toewyding geprys.

## Ukwenza kakuhle kwezithalandwe zabacimi-mlilo abangamashumi amathathu anesibini kwiphondo lonke!

Iklasi yeNtwasahlobo (Spring Class) yowama- 2023 ibibanjelwe eCape Winelands Fire Services Academy ukuquka abacimi-mlilo abangama-32 base-South African Navy, isithili noomasipala basekhaya abagqibe ngokuyimpumelelo inkqubo yokuqeqeshwa yeveki ezili-12 ebinzulu ibiqulethe iinkangeleko zeengcingane nezenziwayo. Umsitho wokuthweswa kwezidanga ubonakaliswe ngombukiso womngcelele wezithuthi, ngemiboniso yokuziqhelisa exabisekileyo eyenza imvuseleleko nokunokuthiya okusesikweni kwebhasi yokulawula isehlo, i "Lady Sentinel". UMeya uvuyisene nezithalandwe waze wazincomiso ngokugorha bazo nokuzinikela kwazo.





# Protect young children against diarrhoea

As the paediatric surge season (PSS) gets underway, the Western Cape Department of Health and Wellness (WCGHW) urges parents and caregivers to take precautions to protect children against preventable and treatable diarrhoeal disease over the next months. Our healthcare facilities can diagnose and treat diarrhoea and a host of other ailments affecting children.

PSS starts in November until May every year, with healthcare facilities seeing an increase in diarrhoeal and pneumonia cases among children, particularly children under the age of five, during this time. The Cape Winelands already experienced very hot days. During these hot days it is essential that everyone drinks enough clean water and that you remain in shaded or cool areas as far as possible.

According to the World Health Organisation, diarrhoeal disease is the second leading cause of death in children under five years old and was responsible for the deaths of 370,000 children in 2019.

## Causes and prevention

Diarrhoea can last several days and can leave the body without the water and salts that are necessary for survival. Diarrhoea is usually a symptom of an infection. Diarrhoea spreads through contaminated food or drinking-water, or from person-to-person because of poor hygiene.

Diarrhoea is a highly infectious and thrives in hot weather. Children who are malnourished, have impaired immunity or those who have missed immunisations or Vitamin A supplementation are far more likely to get diarrhoea and may develop complications if not treated. Parents and caregivers must please ensure that their little one's immunisations and vitamin A supplementation are up to date.

"As parents we don't always realise how vital proper nutrition and immunisation are in keeping young children healthy," says dietician Adriane Petersen of WCGHW in the Cape Winelands. "Remember to only give breastmilk to your baby for the first six months of life, thereafter solids should be introduced into the diet. When it is very hot, you can help your baby stay hydrated by breastfeeding more often. Also, make sure your child has been immunised. Immunisation and Vitamin A supplements help your child to grow and stay healthy."

There are steps we can take to protect children such as regular handwashing, where possible. Unclean hands can increase the spread of viruses. Teach your children to clean their hands after using the toilette and before and after meals. It is also important to keep your child's feeding bottles and everything that is used for feeding, sterilised.

Due to warmer weather, food can be easily become spoilt. This can also lead to diarrhoea and eventually dehydration. Wash your hands, keep kitchen surfaces and cooking utensils clean, and disinfect the toilette regularly.

Dustbins must be closed, animal faeces collected and thrown away, and food scrapings, used nappies and sanitary towels put into a plastic bag, knotted securely, and thrown into a dustbin. Wash your hands after completing these tasks.

## Signs that your child needs help

Diarrhoea can increase the risk of your child becoming dehydrated due to the fluids lost when the child has watery stools or vomits. If your child gets diarrhoea, check them for these signs of dehydration:

- Dry or sticky mouth;
- Does not want to accept milk feeds (breastmilk or infant formula) or eat;
- Few or no tears when crying;

- Lack of urine, or only a very small amount of dark yellow urine;
- Dry, cool skin;
- Tiredness and irritability;
- Dizziness;
- Headache and stomach ache; and
- Thirstiness.

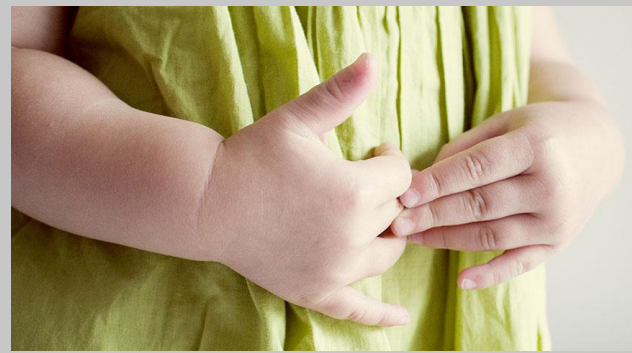
If your child shows any symptoms of dehydration or if you are concerned, go to your nearest clinic or hospital (if after hours). Do not wait in line, go directly to the healthcare worker or reception desk, and tell them your child has diarrhoea and possible dehydration.

Prepare an oral rehydration solution (a sugar-salt solution) to replace the lost bodily fluids by following these steps: Use a clean 1 L bottle. Mix 1 L boiled and cooled water with ½ level teaspoon of salt and 8 level teaspoons of sugar. Mix well. To further help families, healthcare workers distribute 1 L bottles for this purpose. In the Cape Winelands the WCGHW is distributing more than 22 600 bottles. Take the solution with you when you to take your child to the clinic so that your child does not dehydrate on the way. Give your child sips of the sugar-salt solution between and after every loose stool. Do not stop offering food or milk feeds.

It is also important to recognise the signs that your child requires immediate medical care. These signs include:

- Rapid breathing. It is a symptom of pneumonia and diarrhoea;
- Chest retraction;
- If your child does not drink and/or vomits everything up;
- If your child has convulsions;
- Your child is weak and just stares into nothingness;
- There is blood in the stool; and
- Your child is very sleepy or does not want to wake up.

Do not hesitate to seek help urgently if your child displays these warning signs. Visit your nearest healthcare facility or call an ambulance on 10177 immediately.



First 1 000 Days:

<https://www.westerncape.gov.za/first-1000-days>

# CWDM teaches children to be safe around water

The Cape Winelands District Municipality (CWDM) is proud to announce a strategic partnership with the National Sea Rescue Institute (NSRI), which is aimed at enhancing the safety of children when swimming or playing in and around bodies of water. The CWDM recognises that in rural areas children (and adults) often swim unsupervised in farm dams, rivers and streams, resulting in drowning being a leading cause of unnatural death in people of all ages throughout South Africa. The CWDM has allocated funds to support the NSRI Water Safety Education Programme.

In consultation with the Disaster Management division, children at 18 identified schools in the district have benefited from this collaborative initiative. The programme focuses on teaching essential water safety lessons to learners in a way that is both engaging and informative. The curriculum covers topics such as the hazards of water, appropriate responses if someone is in distress, aiding a friend in need, performing bystander CPR, and knowing who to contact for assistance.

The sessions are seamlessly integrated into the regular school schedule, ensuring that learners receive age-appropriate information delivered in their mother tongue. The interactive and enjoyable format of the lessons not only educates our youth, but also empowers them with practical life-saving skills.

The CWDM remains committed to proactive measures that enhance the safety and wellbeing of our communities. This partnership with the NSRI underscores our dedication to addressing critical issues and fostering a secure environment for all residents.



## KWDM leer kinders om veilig te wees rondom water

Die KWDM het 'n strategiese vennootskap met die Nasionale Seereddingsinstituut (NSRI) aangegaan wat gemik is op die versekering van kinders se veiligheid wanneer hulle swem of in en om watermassas speel. Aangesien verdrinking 'n hooforsaak van onnatuurlike sterftes by mense van alle ouderdomme regoor Suid-Afrika is, het die KWDM fondse bewillig om die NSRI se Opvoedingsprogram in Waterveiligheid te ondersteun. Die program fokus daarop om noodsaaklike lesse oor waterveiligheid aan leerders te onderrig op 'n wyse wat sowel interaktief as leersaam is. Die sessies word naatloos by die gewone skoolrooster geïntegreer om te verseker dat leerders ouderdomstoepaslike inligting ontvang wat in hul moedertaal aangebied word. Hierdie vennootskap met die NSRI beklemtoon ons verbintenis om aan kritieke kwessies aandag te sken en 'n veilige omgewing vir alle inwoners te bevorder.

## ICWDM ifundisa abantwana ukuba bakhuseleke kumanzi angqongileyo

ICWDM ingene kumahlulelane olunobuchule ne-NSRI, ejolise ekondiseni ukhuseleko lwabantwana xa bequbha okanye bedlala kumanzi okanye kwiindawo ezijikeleze amanzi. Ukutshona emanzini ngunobangela osisikhokhelo sokubhubha okungeyomvelo kubantu bobudala bonke eMzantsi Afrika, iCWDM yabe ingxowamali ukuxhasa iNkqubo yemfundo yoKhuseleko yeNSRI ( NSRI Water Safety Education Programme). Inkqubo igqalisele ekufundiseni abantwana izifundo zokhuseleko lwamanzi ezifunekayo ngendlela ebandakanyekayo nefundisayo/eyazisayo. Amaxesha engxoxo ahlanganiswe ngaphandle komthungo neshedyuli yesikolo elungelelanisiweyo ukuqinisekisa ukuba abanfundi bafumana ulwazi olufanele ubudala babo olunikwa ngolwimi lwabo lwenkobe. Lo mahlulelane neNSRI ubeka ukunikela kwethu ekulungiseni imibandela enzulu nokukhuthaza ummandla okhuselekileyo kubahlali bonke. .

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"I love being outdoors, my favorite times are when our family goes hiking in the mountains or camping next to a river. My Grandpa teaches us about the animals and flowers that are in the veld. He also says that a fire can easily destroy everything."

Help me look after our Cape Winelands - Report Wildfires"

#WaarBraaiJy

Help us protect you, always report a wildfire to 021 887 4446 or the nearest authority.

# Colouring in fun

LENNY SAYS STAY SAFE



# Food safety

Ensuring food safety is paramount as food-borne diseases pose a significant threat to global health. There is widespread concern among consumers about just how safe the foods on our shelves are. Gastrointestinal diseases, a leading cause of illness and mortality, are largely attributed to the consumption of unsafe food.

This time of the year is characterised by big shopping trips as we prepare for the social gatherings and delicious food of the festive season.

Report any seemingly illegal activities related to the manufacture, preparation, repackaging or selling of any food or foodstuffs to the Cape Winelands District Municipality at **0861 265 263**.

Here are a few do's and don'ts for you to be aware of.

## Food shopping on hot days

- Always take a cooler bag or bag with two or three frozen bottles of water along when you go shopping, especially if making use of shared transport.
- Try to select food that needs to stay cold just before you go to the checkout and keep it cool by adding a few bottles of frozen water.
- While waiting for transport, keep your shopping in the shade. Put food into the fridge/freezer as soon as you get home.

## Examine the packaging of food items

- Do not buy food items with broken or damaged packaging.
- If the can is dented or leaking, do not purchase it.
- Avoid expired food or food with tampered labels.
- If the price of a food item is very low, the quality and possibly the safety thereof might be questionable.
- Follow the instructions on the product label.
- Do not buy food that is mouldy, fermented, or discoloured.
- Report any suspicious food or food sources to the nearest environmental health authorities.

## Use safe and clean water

- Always wash fruit and vegetables with clean water.
- Use clean and safe water when cooking.
- Wash cutting boards and working surfaces with hot, soapy water after cutting meat.
- Keep cooking surfaces clean.

## Maatreëls vir voedselveiligheid tydens inkopies

Daar bestaan wydverspreide kommer onder verbruikers oor hoe veilig die voedsel op ons rakke is, want siektes soos diarree word grotendeels deur die verbruik van onveilige voedsel veroorsaak. Wanneer ons die "groot" inkopies vir die (warm) feestyd doen, is daar 'n paar moets en moenies om van bewus te wees. Maak seker die verpakking van voedselitems is onbeskadig en rapporteer items wat verdag lyk. Op warm dae sal yspakke of bevrore water help om jou inkopies te beskerm totdat jy dit veilig in jou yskas of vrieskas kan stoor. En luister na jou instinkte. As dit nie reg lyk of reg ruik nie, is dit nie reg nie.

## Izilumkiso zokuseleko lokutya ngexesha uthenga

Kukho okukhathazeka okuthe saa kumaxhasi malunga nendlela yokhuseleko lokutya olukwihelufu zethu njengokuba ukugula okufana norhudo kubangelwa ikakhulu kukusebenzisa ukutya okungakhuselekanga. Xa ukuthenga kwethu "kukukhulu" ukulungiselela ixesha leholidi (eshushu) kukho ukwenza nokungezi efuneka sikuqondile. Ukuqinisekisa ukuba ukupakishwa kwezinto zokutya akungachukunyiswanga kwaye xela izinto ezibonakala zikrokreleka. Xa uthenga kwiintsuku ezishushu, iipakethe zomkhenkce okanye amanzi akhenkcekileyo kuya kufuneka ukhusele igrosari yakho kude kube lixesha lokuyigcina ikhuselekile kwisikhenkcezi sakhokanye kwisikhenkcesi. Kwaye uthembe ithuku lwakho lwemvelo. Ukuba kubonakala kungalunganga okanye kunuka/kunevumba elingalunganga, akulunganga.



Be cautious and Observant!  
Keep an eye out for signs of heat illness.

Store your food, medicines at recommended temperature away from direct sunlight.



## FOOD SAFETY DURING LOADSHEDDING IN THE SUMMER

Refrigerated or frozen foods may not be safe to eat after the loss of power. Find out what you can do to keep food safe during a power outage, and when you need to throw away food that could make you sick.

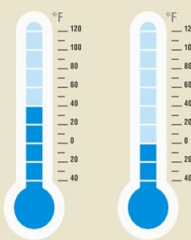
### Before Prepare for emergencies or natural disasters.

Make sure that your fridge and freezer are kept at the right temperatures.

Appliance thermometers are very handy.

Fridges should be kept at 4-5°C or below.

The freezer should be at -12°C or below



Freeze bottles of water and/or gel packs/ice bricks and keep them in the freezer.

During loadshedding you can put some of these into the fridge to keep the temperature stable

Keep a cooler box handy.

A cooler box filled with frozen ice bricks can be utilized to keep food frozen during extended loadshedding.



### During

**KEEP**  
Fridge & Freezer  
Doors  
**CLOSED**  
Only open if necessary



Your fridge will maintain its temperature for **4 Hours** With no electricity



Your **FULL** freezer will maintain its temperature for **48 Hours** With no electricity



**24 Hours** in a **HALF-FULL** Freezer

After 4 hours without power, place frozen bottles of water/ice bricks etc. into the fridge to keep the temperature constant OR put refrigerated perishable foods in a cooler box. Add ice bricks or frozen bottles of water or another cold source to keep them at 4-5°C or below. A full freezer will stay colder longer than an empty one; as you use the food in your freezer, fill the empty spaces with containers fill with water so that the temperature is maintained during loadshedding.

Never taste food to determine if it is safe to eat. **When in doubt, throw it out.**

- Fresh foods such as meats, fish, milk, cut fruit/veggies must be kept at 4-5°C; if these foodstuffs were kept at temperatures above 5°C for more than 4 hours; throw them away.
- Throw out any food with an unusual odor, color, or texture.
- Check temperatures of food kept in coolers or your refrigerator.



## Fighting diseases one handwash at a time

Our Municipal Health Services (MHS) held handwashing demonstrations for Global Handwashing Day, observed annually on 15 October, at Bergsig Clinic in Robertson. Over 30 people attended the information session. The demonstrations help advocate the importance of handwashing with soap and water as an effective and affordable way to prevent diseases.



### Was die kieme een vir een weg

Ons Munisipale Gesondheidsdienste (MGD) het by Bergsig-kliniek in Robertson demonstrasies oor handewas gehou vir Internasionale Handewas-dag wat jaarliks op 15 Oktober plaasvind. Meer as 30 mense het die inligtingsessie bygewoon. Die demonstrasies help om bewustheid te skep oor die belangrikheid van handewas met seep en water as 'n doeltreffende en bekostigbare manier om siektes te voorkom.

### Ukulwa izifo ngohlamba izandla ngexesha

Iinkonzo zeMpilo zikaMasipala wethu (MHS) bezibambe imiboniso yokuhlamba izandla ngoMhla wokuHlanjwa kwezandla weHlabathi, egwalaselwa minyaka le ngomhla we-15 kweyeDwarha kwikliniki yaseBergsig eRobertson. Ngaphezu kwabantu abangama-30 bebehambele ixesha lolwazi. Imiboniso inceda ukukhuthaza ukubaluleka kokuhlamba izandla ngexesha namanzi njengendlela enentsingiselo nokuba nakho ukuthintela izifo.



# Mayoral Mondays conclude in Stellenbosch

We are pleased to announce the successful conclusion of our Mayoral Monday series, which forms part of the CWDM's public participation process. Throughout the months of October and November, a Mayoral Monday event was hosted in each municipal area of the district that provided a platform for open and robust discussions with registered businesses, NGOs/NPOs and the community regarding the needs of our citizens.

The five sessions garnered substantial attendance, with several trending issues emerging during the discussions. Key topics included the need for rendering support to small, medium, and micro enterprises (SMMEs) in terms of both training and funding, financial assistance for early childhood development (ECD) centres, and concerns regarding unemployment and the impact of flooding on roads, including the necessary repairs. In addition, several aspects relating to small farmer support were discussed.



For those who may have missed our Mayoral Monday sessions, please be assured that there is still an opportunity to contribute. You are invited to reach out to us by emailing your concerns and input regarding our draft budget for the fiscal year 2024/25 to [ldp@capewinlands.gov.za](mailto:ldp@capewinlands.gov.za).

Our public participation process remains open until the end of February 2024, after which we will carefully consider all inputs for the draft budget. Subsequently, in March/April 2024, the draft budget will undergo a public participation process to gather additional input and considerations from the public. We appreciate the active participation of businesses, community organisations and NGOs/NPOs in these sessions and look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts to address the needs of our communities.



## Burgemeester Maandag sluit in Stellenbosch af

Die Burgemeester Maandag-reeks wat deel van die KWDM se openbaredeelnamesproses uitmaak, is gedurende Oktober en November gehou 'n platform is verskaf het vir oop en lewendige gesprekke met geregisterde besighede, NRO's/OSW's en die gemeenskap oor die behoeftes van ons inwoners. Ons nooi diegene uit wat dalk die sessies misgeloop het om hul bekommernisse en insette oor ons konsepbegroting vir die boekjaar 2024/25 te e-pos na [ldp@capewinlands.gov.za](mailto:ldp@capewinlands.gov.za). Ons waardeer die aktiewe deelname tydens hierdie sessies en sien uit daarna om ons samewerkende pogings voort te sit om na die behoeftes van ons gemeenskappe om te sien.

## imiVulo kaMeya igqitywe eStellenbosch

Uthotho lwemiVulo kaMeya eyenza inxalenye yenkqubo yokuthabatha inxaxheba yoluntu lwase CWDM ibibanjwe ngeyeDwarha nangeyeKanga ngexesha apho umasipala wakhaya ngamnye ububambe isiganeko esibonelele ngeqonga kwingxoxo ezithe gabalala nezomeleleyo namashishini abhalisiweyo, nee- NGO/NPO noluntu ngokuphathelele kwizidingo zabemi bethu. Simeme abo bebenokuphoswa ngamaxesha engxoxo okuthumela i-imeyile zokukhathazeka kwabo negalelo ngokuphathelele kuyilo loingqo-mali lonyaka-mali wovama- 2024/25 kwi- [ldp@capewinlands.gov.za](mailto:ldp@capewinlands.gov.za). Siyabulela ngothabatho-nxaxheba olukhuthuleyo kula maxesha engxoxo nokulindela ukuqhubeka kwemizamo yentsebenziswano yethu ukulungisa izidingo zoluntu lwethu.

# Academically inclined

The CWDM partnered with Stellenbosch University's School of Public Leadership for the 17th Cape Winelands Conference at which guests from across the globe were hosted. Elna von Schlicht, Cape Winelands District Mayor introduced Premier Alan Winde to guests stating, "It is with pleasure that I introduce Premier Winde. He is a man of ethics and action who is not only working for the people of the Western Cape, but for all in our beautiful South Africa."

## Akademies ingestel

Die KWDM het met die Universiteit Stellenbosch se Skool vir Publieke Leierskap saamgespan vir die aanbidding van die 17de Kaapse Wynland Konferensie wat deur gaste van regoor die wêreld bygewoon is. Elna von Schlicht, Burgemeester van die KWDM, het Premier Alan Winde aan die gaste voorgestel: "Dis vir my 'n groot plesier om Premier Winde voor te stel. Hy is 'n man van etiek en optrede wat nie net vir die mense van die Wes-Kaap werk nie, maar vir almal in ons pragtige Suid-Afrika."

## Ukuthand' imfundo ephakamileyo

ICWDM yahlulelane neStellenbosch University's School of Public Leadership kwingunguthela ye- 17 Cape Winelands apho bekusingathwe iindwendwe ezivela kwiilabathi lonke. U- Elna von Schlicht, ongumeya wesithili saseCape Winelands wazise kwiindwendwe iNkulumbuso u-Alan Winde echaza ukuba, "Luvuyo ukwazisa iNkulumbuso uWinde. Uyindoda enemikhwa esesiwini nezenzo ongasebenzi kuphela nabantu baseNtshona Koloni koko nabo bonke aboMzantsi Afrika omhle.



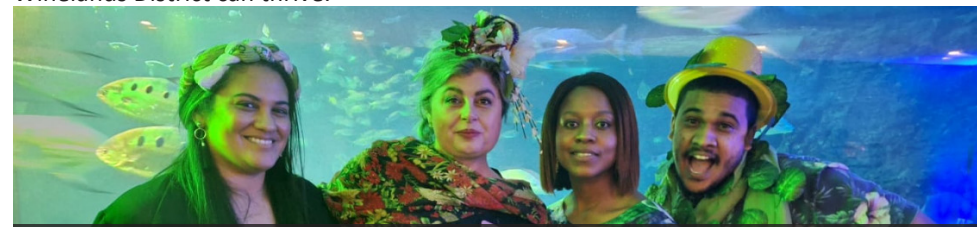
# Silver award for the CWDM

A risk reduction project developed in partnership with Santam during the Covid-19 pandemic, the snakes and ladders educational boardgame, earned a silver award in the category Eco-Municipality at the Eco-Logic 2023 Awards. These awards identify individuals, organisations and communities that make a positive contribution toward a sustainable world.

The project was developed to reduce the risk of learner, teacher and family co-infection and thereby enabling an environment in which teachers could continue teaching, learners could attend school and parents/care givers could continue going to work.

The game was designed so that the safety measures to be applied were within the child's capabilities, for example, not to sit too close to friends and not sharing their cooldrinks. The game-kits, consisting of the game (based on the familiar snakes and ladders game), place holders and dice, were distributed to grade 2 learners throughout the district. In addition to its risk reduction messages, the game encouraged quality family time and promoted numerical and reading skills.

The award will enable the CWDM to apply for funding to develop further projects aimed at creating a sustainable and safe environment in which all citizens of the Cape Winelands District can thrive.



The Communications unit of CWDM were responsible for the development of the educational boardgame and were in attendance to accept the Silver Award. From left to right, Anesca Roodt (Public Relations Officer), Jo-Anne Otto ( Deputy Director: Communications), Sasria representative ( Sponsor of the award) and Reuben Kieswetter (Graphic Designer).

## Silwer toekening vir die KWDM

'n Risikovermindingsprojek wat tydens die Covid-19-pandemie in vennootskap met Santam ontwikkel is, die opvoedkundige bordspelletjie slangetjies en leertjies, het by die Eco-Logic 2023-toekennings 'n silwer toekening in die kategorie Eko-Munisipaliteit verwerf. Die projek is ontwikkel om leerders, onderwysers en gesinne se risiko vir mede-infeksie te verminder. Die toekening sal die KWDM in staat stel om aansoek te doen om befondsing om verdere projekte te ontwikkel wat daarop gemik is om 'n volhoubare en veilige omgewing te skep waarin alle inwoners van die Kaapse Wynland-distrik kan floreer.

## Ibhaso lesilivere leCWDM

Ingozi yokunciphisa iphulo eliphuhlise kumahlulelane neSantam ngexesha leSifo seNtsholongwane yeKhorona -19 (Covid-19 ) selizwe jikelele somdlalo webhodi wemfundo obizwa ngokuba snakes and ladders, ifumene ibhaso lesilivere kudidi lwe- Eco-Municipality kwi- Eco-Logic 2023 Awards. Iphulo liphuhliselwe ukunciphisa ingozi yosuleleka komfundi, katitshala nosapho. Ibhaso liya kwenza iCWDM yenze isicelo sengxowa-mali ukuphuhlisa amanye amaphulo ajolise ekwenzeni ugcinno nokhuseleko lommandla apho bonke abemi besiThili saseCape Winelands banokuphumelela.



A special note of appreciation.



# CWDM around the world

Did you know that the Cape Winelands District is recognised as one of the Great Wine Capitals of the World? Furthermore, are you aware that after the agricultural sector, the tourism industry creates the most job opportunities in our district? It is with these facts in mind that the CWDM was represented at two very important events aimed at growing our tourism and wine industries. The first was the Great Wine Capitals of the World event in Lausanne, Switzerland that was attended by our

Mayor and Municipal Manager, as well as officials from Wesgro. The other was the Ghana Investment and Trade Week Summit held in Accra, Ghana under the theme 'Accelerating Economic Growth', which was attended by Pietie Williams (Executive Director: Community and Planning Services), Cllr Koos Steyn (Portfolio Holder: Tourism) and Rhian Van Wyk (Director: Socio Economic Development).



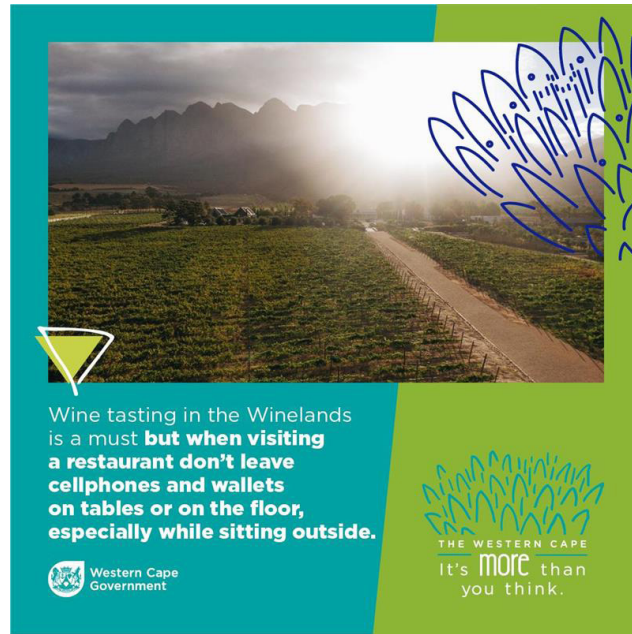
**Allawêreld, KWDM**  
 Het julle geweet dat die Kaapse Wynland-distrik as een van die Groot Wynhoofstede van die Wêreld erken word? En is julle bewus van die feit dat die toerismebedryf naas die landbousector die meeste werksgeleenthede in ons distrik skep? Dit is om hierdie redes dat die KWDM verteenwoordig is by twee baie belangrike geleenthede wat daarop gemik is om ons toerisme- en wynbedryf te laat groei. Die eerste was die Groot Wynhoofstede van die Wêreld-geleentheid in Lausanne, Switserland wat deur ons Burgemeester en Munisipale Bestuurder, asook amptenare van Wesgro, bygewoon is. Die ander was die Ghana Investerings- en Handelsweekberaad wat in Accra, Ghana onder die tema 'Versnelling van ekonomiese groei' gehou is en wat deur UD Pietie Williams, Rdl Koos Steyn en Rhian van Wyk bygewoon is.



**ICWDM kwilizwe jikelele**  
 Ubuzazi ukuba isiThili saseCape Winelands saziwa njengelyne leekomkhulu zeWayini eMnandi eHlabathini? Kwakhona ingaba uyaqonda ukuba emva kwecandelo lezolimo ishishini lezokhenketho lenza amathuba emisebenzi amaninzi kwisithili sethu? Kuzezi ngongoma kubhekiselelwe kuzo apho iCWDM yayimelwe kwizwelelo ezibaluleke kakhulu ezibini ezazijolise ekukhuliseni ukhenketho lwethu namashishini ewayini. Iikomkhulu zeWayini eMnandi zesehlo seHlabathi eLausanne, eSwitserland eyayihanjelwe nguMeya wethu nomPhathi kaMasipala kunye namanye amagosa asuka e- Wesgro. Esinye yiNzala-mali yaseGhana (Ghana Investment) neNgqungquthela yeVeki yoRhwebo (Trade Week Summit) eyayihanjelwe e-Accra, eGhana phantsi komxhophlo othi 'Ukukhulisa uQoqosho ngokuKhawuleza' ('Accelerating Economic Growth'), eyayihanjelwe ngu-ED Pietie Williams, ngu-Cllr Koos Steyn noRhian van Wyk.



**Brand new netball courts for Hermon!**  
 The CWDM's Technical Services handed over a newly constructed Netball court to Hermon's municipal sports fields. Construction cost R640 000, but will benefit hundreds of enthusiastic athletes of all ages.



# Transport Month activations

October is nationally recognised as Transport Month and the CWDM focused on the personal safety of commuters, specifically women and learners, by making sure they are equipped with knowledge to guide their actions and decisions and to be safe when using public transport. The team from

Regulation of Passenger Transport Service within our Technical Services Department were out and about at the Paarl and Wellington taxi ranks to distribute awareness material and items to ensure that commuters have access to the necessary safety information.



**Vervoermaand-aktiverings**  
 HOktober word nasionaal as Vervoermaand erken en die KWDM het gefokus op die persoonlike veiligheid van pendelaars, in die besonder vroue en leersders, deur seker te maak dat hulle toegerus is met kennis om hul handelinge en besluite te lei en om veilig te wees wanneer hulle openbare vervoer gebruik. Die span van Regulering van Passasiersvervoerdienste in ons Departement Tegnieiese Dienste was op hulle pos by die Paarl- en Wellington-taxistaanplekke om bewusmakingsmateriaal en -items te versprei om toe te sien dat pendelaars toegang tot die nodige veiligheidsinligting het.



**Inyanga yokwenza ukuba ziSebenze ezoThutho**  
 Uinyanga yeDwarha yaziwa njengeNyanga yezoThutho kwaye iCWDM igqalisela kukhuseleko lwabakhweli-zithuthi buqu, ingakumbi abafazi nabafundi, ngokuqinisekisa ukuba baxhotyiswa ngolwazi ukukhokela izenzo zabo nezigqibo nokukhuseleka xa besebenzisa ezothutho loluntu. Iqela loMthetho weNkonzo yezoThutho lwePasenjani kwiSebe leeNkonzo zobuGcisa belingena liphuma kwiindawo zeeteki ePaarl naseWellington lisaasaza izixhobo zokuqonda nezinto ukuqinisekisa ukuba abakhweli-sithuthi bayafikelela kulwazi lokhuseleko olufunekayo.

# Local Tourism Association Info

Looking for something to do?  
 Don't want to spend too much on petrol?  
 Why not take a drive to a town in another municipal area in the district, visit for the day or sleep over – either way there is lots to see and do.  
 To find out more, visit our Local Tourism Associations on Facebook.  
 OR Visit [www.capewinlands.gov.za](http://www.capewinlands.gov.za) scroll down to the Map on the home page and click on the area you would like to visit.

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Slanghoek Rawsonville Worcester De Doorns (Hex River Valley) and Touws River	Breedekloof Wine GravelandGrape Worcester Tourism HexValleyTourism Touwsrivier Tourism Association
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**Langeberg Municipality**

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