

CWDM commemorates World Environmental Health Day



Since 2011, World Environmental Health Day is observed on 27 September. The Cape Winelands District Municipality (CWDM) is mandated to deliver environmental health services via the Municipal Health Services (MHS) division. The South African Environmental Health Conference 2023 themed “Global Environmental Public Health – standing up to protect everyone’s health each and every day” was hosted by the CWDM on 26 and 27 September at Dawn Mountain Estate in Stellenbosch.

The CWDM and the Department of Health, in collaboration with various stakeholders, joined the global community to commemorate World Environmental Health Day to raise awareness of the importance of environmental health in the prevention and control of infectious diseases to ensure healthier communities.

The conference was attended by environmental health practitioners (EHPs), academia, related organisations and businesses in the environmental health field across South Africa, offering practitioners an opportunity to pause and reflect. During the two-day conference, delegates looked at the status of environmental health in our country, identified

gaps and considered best practices in order to ensure healthy environments. Presentations addressed imperative topics and challenges in this field, such as climate change, food safety and security, chemical, water and air pollution, and poor housing – the way was paved for robust discussions that led to positive resolutions.

The EHPs of the CWDM were also awarded with a certificate of appreciation for their heroic delivery of extraordinary environmental health services in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

In her address to the delegates, Executive Mayor Ald (Dr) Elna von Schlicht expressed her gratitude and support, “The CWDM remains unwavering in our commitment to environmental health. Through our whole-of-society approach, we prioritise the protection of a healthy environment, thus allowing our citizens to grow economically. I thank each individual involved in protecting our health each and every day and encourage you to continue to ensure that we leave behind a prosperous legacy in our corner of the world.”

KWDM herdenk Wêreld Omgewingsgesondheidsdag

Die Konferensie oor Suid-Afrikaanse Omgewingsgesondheid 2023 is op 26 en 27 September by Dawn Mountain Estate in Stellenbosch deur die KWDM aangebied om Wêreld Omgewingsgesondheidsdag te herdenk. Die konferensie is bygewoon deur verskeie rolspelers wat die status van omgewingsgesondheid in ons land in oënskyn bring, leemtes geïdentifiseer het en gekyk het na beste praktyke om gesonde omgewings te verseker. Die KWDM se onwrikbare verbintenis tot omgewingsgesondheid is beklemtoon deur Uitvoerende Burgemeester Von Schlicht wat dankbaarheid betoon het teenoor diegene wat dag na dag by die beskerming van ons gesondheid betrokke is.

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

INgqungquthela yeMpilo yomMandla weHlabathi wowama-2023 ubusingathwe yiCWDM ngomhla wama-26 nowama-27 kweyoMsinsi ngowama- 2023 eDawn Mountain Estate eStellenbosch ukukhumbula iMpilo yomMandla weHlabathi. Iqela labachaphazekayo abohlukene ye ebebehambele le ngqungquthela abajonge isimo sempilo yommandla kwilizwe lethu bachonge iziphene/izikhewu baze bathathela ingqalelo kukusebenza okungcono ukuze kuqinisekise imimandla enempilo. Ukuzibophelela okungagunqiyo kweCWDM kwimpilo yommandla igxininiswe nguMeya uVon Schlicht obulele bonke abo bazibandakanye ekukhuseleni impilo yethu imihla ngemihla.



Mayoral Study Aid Fund

“It is with immense pleasure that I announce the establishment of the Mayoral Study Aid Fund that will add a substantial boost to the top achiever from each high school in the Cape Winelands District who wish to embark on tertiary study programmes. Each recipient will receive a noteworthy study aid grant of R20 000, directly allocated to their respective institutions or courses,” stated the Executive Mayor of the Cape Winelands District Municipality, Ald (Dr) Elna von Schlicht, at the event held in Worcester on 10 August 2023.

The annual Cape Winelands District Municipality (CWDM) Top Achievers Awards Ceremony serves as testament to the remarkable accomplishments of the highest achieving matriculant at each high school in the district, and the study aid fund is an extension of this project.



From left to right: Denise Wesso, Western Cape Education: Cape Winelands; Pietie Williams, CWDM Executive Director; Community Development and Planning Services; Cllr Minnie Pietersen, CWDM Mayco member for Rural and Social Development; CWDM Executive Mayor Elna von Schlicht, Principal Brandt du Plessis of Montana High; and Henry Prins, CWDM Municipal Manager.

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Cutting-edge Incident Command bus

On Friday, 28 July 2023, the Cape Winelands District Municipality’s Fire Services took delivery of their state-of-the-art, custom-designed mobile Incident Command (IC) bus in Stellenbosch.

Ald (Dr) Elna von Schlicht, brimming with enthusiasm, expressed her delight with this enhancement of the fleet. She stated, “I am ecstatic about this new addition to our fire services fleet that will undoubtedly make a positive impact on how we protect and serve our communities when they are most vulnerable.” The customised vehicle was handed over by Ramcom Cape, the service provider responsible for the exceptional design and assembly of the IC bus.

This vehicle will be instrumental during the Cape Winelands fire season that runs from November to April, when the district experiences wild fires for which the district municipality provides specialised firefighting services to extinguish mountain, veld and chemical fires.

The IC bus will enable the CWDM, its partners and other role-players to come together 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.

The simplistic design with a modernised workspace includes features such as a 10-seat conference area and a 145 cm, fully computerised interactive screen and whiteboards. There are ample electrical outlets inside and outside the vehicle,

which is fitted with an inverted generator and a solar system on the roof for uninterrupted electricity supply, specially in remote locations. Wi-Fi network connectivity with backups in case of disruptions and compatible two-way radio connectivity are supplemented by centralised

air-conditioning, a microwave and a fridge to ensure that all stakeholders are comfortable during operations.

The bus has specifically been designed to meet the needs of the Incident Command System (ICS) structure, providing sufficient space for the top

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Mr Henry Prins
Municipal Manager:
Cape Winelands District Municipality

disaster we are tested, and it is during such moments that we measure how effective our response is.

As the Cape Winelands District Municipality (CWDM), we are entrusted with the crucial responsibility of disaster management and fire services, with the primary goal of mitigating the impact of disasters on lives and livelihoods. Additionally, we have an agency agreement with the Western Cape Department of Infrastructure (DOI) to repair and maintain certain rural and gravel roads on their behalf. Our mandate also includes municipal health services and the promotion of tourism and economic development, who all play vital roles either during and/or after a disaster such as the flooding.

The CWDM's response to the recent floods provided a comprehensive assessment of our responsiveness, the strength of our communication structures, and the effectiveness of our intergovernmental cooperation. The images and videos of the destruction were heart-wrenching, with roads washed away, homes submerged, and lives disrupted. We share your concerns about funding and executing the necessary repairs, particularly for our roads, which are essential for the agricultural sector, education and healthcare access, and the wellbeing of our communities.

As we navigate the aftermath of these floods and look ahead to an uncertain future, I want to emphasise the importance of looking out for one another and staying safe. Amongst all the destruction, we also received heartwarming voice notes thanking our teams for delivering essential supplies to those trapped by the rising waters. Our various teams worked seamlessly together, with road crews alerting the disaster response teams to areas in need, ultimately helping those who needed assistance.

While we cannot predict when the next disaster will strike, we can be proactive in preparing for it. Our commitment is to have plans and processes, well-equipped and capable staff, and robust relationships with our partners and fellow government departments in place. This approach allows us to focus on saving lives and preserving livelihoods, no matter the nature of the disaster. I am immensely proud of how our dedicated teams have fulfilled their mandates in these challenging times.

Amidst the trials we have faced, there have also been exciting developments. Our partnership with Wesgro has led to the Cape Winelands District being recognised as one of the World's Great Wine Capitals, a distinction that will significantly enhance the marketing of our district and create new opportunities for our local communities. We hosted a national conference on Environmental Health, joined forces for Madiba Day, and celebrated Green Tourism and the Phenomenal Women of our district.

In our newsletter you will find more details about these positive initiatives and projects, showcasing the substantial impact they are making in our community.

The road to recovery may be long and challenging, but I have no doubt that the spirit of resilience and cooperation that defines the people of the Cape Winelands will prevail. Together, we will overcome this adversity, as we have done in the past.

Thank you for your continued support and solidarity with our community.

Sincerely,
Henry Prins

Dear Citizens,

Over the past three months, our community has faced significant challenges. Just as we were recovering from the June flood damage, an even more severe flood swept through our district, leaving devastation in its wake. Our neighbours in the Overberg were also deeply affected, and here in the Cape Winelands the impact of these floods has been undeniable. In times of crisis and

From the desk of the Executive Mayor



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

Dear Residents,

As we enter a new season, I want to take a moment to update you on some of the important projects and events that have been taking place in our district. It has been an eventful three months (first quarter), and I am excited to share our progress and upcoming initiatives with you.

transformative power of education has brought us to launch this fund, united in purpose and determination to make dreams come true.

Through this fund, we aspire to bridge gaps and remove barriers that may hinder the pursuit of knowledge. Every child in our community deserves an equal opportunity to learn and succeed, regardless of their circumstances. This project aims to provide essential resources, support and hope to learners who may face challenges on their educational journey.

Phenomenal Women Awards:

Every year in August, in partnership with the Afrikaanse Taalmuseum, we honour a group of remarkable individuals – the phenomenal women who have carved their paths and left an indelible mark in our communities. Despite daily adversity, these phenomenal women have been unwavering in their pursuit of excellence for their communities. They have stood strong against any challenges, transforming obstacles into steppingstones towards their goals.

As we gave recognition to the phenomenal women this year, I was reminded of the words of Frida Kahlo, who said, "Feet, what do I need you for when I have wings to fly?" These words capture the essence of the extraordinary women we honoured – individuals who have dared to dream, spread their wings, and soar to unimaginable heights.

Community Safety Initiatives:

We want to emphasise our dedication to community safety. In the current quarter, our district's Mayors and Municipal Managers had the opportunity to meet with the Western Cape Minister responsible for Police Oversight and Community Safety to discuss safety challenges. As a district we are determined to carry on with the implementation of a range of initiatives aimed at fostering a safer environment for all our residents.

Roads:

We recently conducted an oversight visit to assess the state of our road infrastructure and rural communities after the June flooding. We were devastated by how the Cape Winelands was affected by the severe weather and torrential rains and how this destructive element impacted on our road infrastructure, farmlands and homes of residents, leaving our communities stranded. My heart goes out to those who had to be evacuated. The CWDM's disaster team is still fully committed to addressing your needs on the humanitarian front.

I want to further take a moment to express how truly moved I am by the incredible unity and resilience our community has shown during this difficult time. Addressing the floods has been a collective effort involving both civil society and government. We have been working tirelessly to ensure our roads are restored as quickly as possible and I want to emphasise that every crisis takes top priority and is treated as our number one concern. Together, we will overcome this devastation.

Mayoral Mondays:

Mayoral Mondays are back, and we cannot wait to engage all of you. Please look out on our website for communication on the next Mayoral Monday coming your way. I encourage you to stay engaged and participate in these public participation and community-building efforts. Your support and involvement make our district stronger. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding these projects or any other community matters, please feel free to reach out to my office.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to making our community a better place to live.

Your Cape Winelands District Mayor,

Elna von Schlicht

Tourism Month:

September has been designated as Tourism Month, which we launched under the theme "Sustainable Tourism through Green Investments". We welcomed all visitors to explore the natural beauty and cultural richness that the Cape Winelands District has to offer. We remain committed to promoting tourism as a means of economic growth.

Germany exchange:

We have, furthermore, been strengthening our ties with our friends in Germany, particularly in areas related to fire safety and youth development. Youth from the Langeberg municipal area was fortunate to travel to Germany on a cultural exchange and educational programme. I want to thank the stakeholders who supported the youth and enabled them to go on this programme abroad. Firefighters from across our district were also afforded the opportunity to travel to Germany on a programme that is exploring a possible partnership. I am grateful for the partnership we have with KiEZ in Germany that promises to bring new opportunities and knowledge to our community.

Passing-out Parade:

Safety is one of our top priorities in the district! Our dedicated Firefighting services recently held a passing-out parade to celebrate the success of 26 young people who graduated from the CWDM training academy. Congratulations to the new graduates. We are proud of your commitment to keeping our community safe.

New Mobile Incident Command Vehicle

The CWDM welcomed a new member to our fire services family. We acquired a Mobile Incident Command Vehicle as part of our ongoing commitment to public safety. This investment will undoubtedly assist in ensuring a swifter response to all emergencies and major events in our district. The 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.

67 minutes for Madiba:

In honour of Tata, Nelson Mandela's legacy, we dedicated 67 minutes to community service in Touwsrivier on Mandela Day. It was heartwarming to see so many of you come together to make a positive impact in our town.

Mayoral Study Fund:

Our commitment to education continues through the Mayoral Study Fund, which supports the academic aspirations of our talented youth. This project marks a significant milestone in our journey towards building a brighter future for the Cape Winelands. The financial support will be an addition to our Top Achievers Awards to honour each top learner from our schools in the district. This project also embodies the foundation upon which dreams are built and potentials are realised. It is a bridge that connects aspirations to achievements and transforms lives. With that said, many times our learners cannot afford to study further because of a lack of financial support. But our collective belief in the

The unveiling of the Klara Majola statue

On Saturday, 26 August 2023, the Togyers Museum in Ceres unveiled a statue of the late Klara Majola (baptised Violet Jansen) in front of the John Steyn Library.

The story of Klara Majola (8) from the farm Die Eike in Witzenberg is a true account of the bravery of a young girl who met her untimely death when she went searching for her blind father who did not return from gathering firewood. Her father returned home safely, but Klara was found frozen to death the following morning, 31 July 1950.

Through this memorial, the Ceres Togyers Museum does not only honour the legacy of such bravery, but aims to rediscover the forgotten heritage of the Ceres area for future generations – not only to appreciate, but also to remember.

The CWDM supported the development of the memorial. Executive Mayor Ald (Dr) Elna von Schlicht delivered the keynote address and honoured Klara by presenting a certificate to



Wilhelm Jansen, Klara's nephew, on behalf of the Jansen family as part of the Phenomenal Women of the Cape Winelands District Awards. Klara was posthumously remembered as a Phenomenal Daughter of the Cape Winelands.

Klara Majola – Fenomenale Dogter van die Kaapse Wynland

Op Saterdag, 26 Augustus 2023 het die Togyers Museum in Ceres 'n standbeeld van wyle Klara Majola (Violet Jansen gedoop) onthul ter ere van hierdie agtjarige wat in 1950 doodgeevries het nadat sy met dapperheid gaan soek het vir haar pa wat nie huis toe gekom het nie. Die KWDM het die ontwikkeling van die gedenkteken ondersteun en Uitvoerende Burgemeester Von Schlicht het aan die Jansen-familie 'n sertifikaat oorhandig as deel van die Fenomenale Vroue van die Kaapse Wynland-distrikstoekennings.

UKlara Majola – INTombi engumMangaliso yaseCape Winelands

NgomGqibelo womhla wama-26 kweyeThupha wowama-2023, iTogyers Museum eseCeres ibivula umfanekiso ogingqiweyo kaKlara Majola ongasekhoyo (wabhatjeshwa nguViolet Jansen) ukunik' imbeko kubudala beminyaka esi-8 owagodola wade wasweleka ngowe-1950 emva kokunyamezela ngobugorha imozulu wahamba waya kujonga utata wakhe oyimfama ongazange abuyele ekhaya. ICWDM ixhase uphuhliso lwesikhumbuzo waze uMeya uVon Schlicht wanikezela ngesatifikhethi kusapho lukaJansen njengexalenye yabaFazi abangumMangaliso bemiVuzo yesiThili saseCape Winelands.

Chaos after storms



The flooding that affected the Cape Winelands (Overberg and Somerset West) over the long weekend of 22 to 25 September will be remembered for many years, especially by those who were directly impacted.

In response to the announcement by the South African Weather Services (SAWS) that they were upgrading the weather alert from level 4 to level 9, the Cape Winelands District Municipality's Disaster Management Division activated all stakeholders and role-players, which included provincial departments operating in the district and all the local municipalities.

By the time the rain started in earnest, all services were on high alert, which allowed for quick interventions in order to protect lives and livelihoods. Due to the high volume of rain that fell in a very short period of time, several rivers overflowed and caused havoc for many travellers and residents.

There was no shortage of alarming videos and images circulated via electronic platforms. Late on Sunday afternoon,



the N2 at Botrivier flooded and this main road network into Cape Town was closed. This forced commuters to travel via Ashton, Robertson and Worcester to reach the N1 in order to get back into (or out of) the city. To add to this catastrophe, the N1 at De Doorns had to be closed when the Kanetvlei River burst its banks, spilling over the national road and making it impassable for vehicles.

In the meanwhile, many gravel and rural roads situated next to rivers and dams were damaged and were subsequently closed. By this time, the disaster services were reporting that people were being evacuated from certain areas and being housed in community or church halls.

On Monday afternoon, the Nuy River burst its banks and, in an instant, there was no thoroughfare from the N2 to the N1. Hundreds of commuters were stuck. In terms of decisions made at provincial level, the CWDM released a notice via a number of platforms that advised those stranded in Langeberg, or who had not yet left their weekend accommodation, to turn back and travel to where they had spent the weekend or to seek alternative accommodation for

the night.

The residents and businesses in Langeberg opened their homes and hearts to assist people in need. Guest houses offered rooms free of charge, schools opened their hostels and churches their halls. Wherever someone could be housed, they were.

The R60 was opened very late on Monday night, but cars had to be accompanied one by one across the damaged road and it was very slow going. As from Tuesday, reports started coming in of people who were stranded and/or completely cut off. The Disaster Management teams requested help in the form of helicopters from the provincial services in order to get supplies to these people. The town of McGregor was completely cut off when the bridge just before their town washed away and the other two entrances were closed due to damaged roads.

As the week progressed, the CWDM Roads team was able to start assessing the damage. While driving along these routes, they became aware of even more residents who had been trapped. In some cases, besides not having food, drinking water was becoming a problem too.

The CWDM Roads team alerted the Disaster Management team to the situation and more than 100 hampers of food and other necessities were delivered to victims the following day. Over the next few days, hundreds of food hampers were distributed by CWDM via local municipalities. The well known NGO, Gift of the Givers augmented the number of families that were assisted by joining forces with local and CWDM teams.

Please see the infographic for more information.

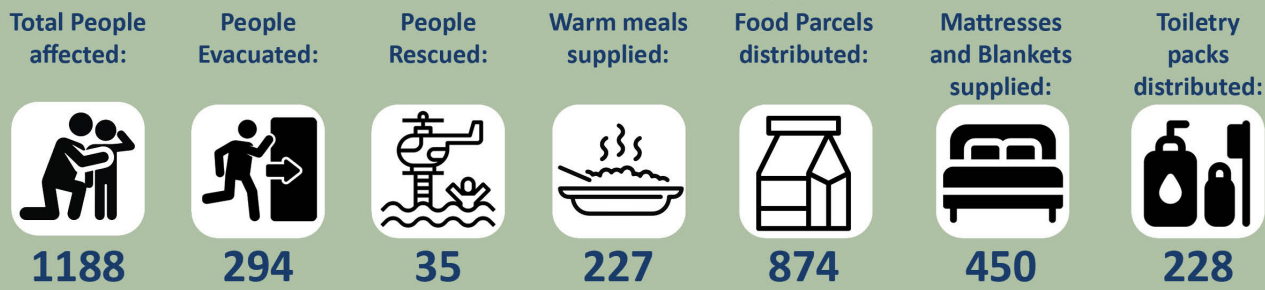
WAT 'N STORM!

Errenis-naweek sal onthou word as een toe die braaiuur nie 'n kans gestaan het nie. Met die weerwaarskuwing op vlak 9, het die reën uit die hemel neergestort en vakansiegangers wat nie op die Maandagoggend vroeg op pad huis toe was nie, is vir talle ure en selfs dae vasgekeer. Riviere het hul walle oorstroom, die paaie was onder water en brûe het ineengestort. Die spanne van die Kaapse Wynland Rampbestuur en Paaie, in samewerking met ander rolspelers in die distrik, het hul puik van hul taak gekwynt om seker te maak dat lewens en eiendomme beskerm is, en dat diegene in nood skulping en kos en water ontvang het.

ESINGAKO ISAQHWITHI!

Imepa-veki yamaFa iya kukhumbuleka njengeniyona apho imililo yokosa ingazange ibe nathuba, isilumkiso semozulu seNqanaba le-9 sabangela ukuba kwemvula emandla baze abathathi-holide abangazange baphume kwangexesha ngentsasa yangoMvulo baba sezingakini iiyure ezininzi okanye iintsuku. Imilambo yaphuphuma, iindlela zakhukhuliseka zaze iibloro zadilika. Amaqela eeNdlela noLawulo lweNtlekele aseCape Winelands luhlangena nabanye abadlindima benze umsebenzi olunge kanye ukuqinisekisa ukuba ubom nezindlu zikhuselwe kwaye abo banezidingo bafumana amakhushi, nokutya namanzi.

Humanitarian Support



Women's Month culminates in Celebration of Phenomenal Women

Phenomenal Women



Building on the inaugural success of the Phenomenal Women of the Cape Winelands District Awards last year, the Cape Winelands District Municipality (CWDM), in collaboration with the Historium Trust and the Afrikaanse Taalmuseum en -monument (ATM), once again honoured 16 phenomenal women from the community.

The award ceremony was held in Paarl on Wednesday, 23 August 2023 during which the nine winners and seven runners-up were announced and the amazing achievements of these wonderful women were celebrated.

In her keynote address, the Executive Mayor, Ald (Dr) Elna von Schlicht, stated, "It brings me immense joy to extend a heartfelt congratulations to our phenomenal women winners of the Cape Winelands District, as well as the outstanding runners-up. Your remarkable achievements and contributions have brightened our community, inspiring us all to do better. This accolade does not only recognise your individual successes but also highlights the collective strength of women who continue to break barriers and redefine what is possible in our communities. Your stories serve as a beacon of hope and empowerment for future generations, reminding us that there are no limits to what we can achieve. As we honour you and your accomplishments, may you continue to shine brightly and inspire those around you. Your journey is a testament to how phenomenal you are."

The call for nominations opened in June and the public had the opportunity to nominate the unsung heroines who do inspiring work in the Cape Winelands communities.

The judging process concluded in July by a panel of three women who are phenomenal in their own right: (1) Christynn Jacobs, a qualified food technologist and the co-owner of

Die viering van Fenomenale Vroue

Die KWDM, in samewerking met die Historium Trust en die Afrikaanse Taalmuseum en -monument, het aan 16 fenomenale Kaapse Wynland-vroue hulde gebring tydens die tweede toekenningsereemonie van sy soort. Hierdie eerbetoon is nie alleen 'n erkenning van individuele suksesse nie, maar plaas ook klem op die kollektiewe krag van vroue wat aanhou om hindernisse af te breek en te herdefinieer wat in ons gemeenskappe moontlik is. Veels geluk aan die wenners en naaswenners op die gebied van landbou, VKO, basiese onderwys, die NRO-/GOW-sektor, entrepreneurskap, ondersteuning, bestuur, hul passie en die bevordering van Afrikaans.

Jacob's Jam Company based in Ceres; (2) Heidi Erdmann, an independent curator and art historian; and (3) Anetta Mangxaba, the director/owner/publisher of Dizindaba Media (Pty) Ltd. These judges had the difficult job of determining the winners and runners-up out of more than 60 compelling nominations.

"National Women's Day in South Africa is highly regarded and serves as a reminder of the significant contribution of women in South Africa. At the same time, it is an opportunity to reflect anew on the rights of women. The role of women in society is crucial. They make remarkable contributions to communities, families and society as a whole. Women are the backbone of families and communities, which is why it is important for us to uplift and celebrate women in our communities on this scale. Congratulations to all the winners and runners-up," stated Michael Jonas, Director of the Afrikaanse Taalmuseum en -monument in his opening address.

The awards ceremony, led by TV presenter Heinrich Wyngaard who is currently known for hosting the popular Klop! programme on KykNET, was attended by winners and runners-up accompanied by a loved one, often the person who nominated them, members of the partner organisations and special guests. Two motivational speakers shared their inspiring stories: Charlene Elliot, founder of Fit me Fitness and Life of Giving Charity Shop as well as a principal of an ECD and aftercare centre from Paarl, and Felicity Fransman, Phenomenal Woman in Tertiary Education for 2022 and founder of Passion Abundance Angels (NGO) from Worcester.

The winners and runners-up received gifts from the CWDM and partners, the Afrikaanse Taalmuseum en -monument and the Historium Trust, Jacob's Jam and Old Mutual.

UkuVuyisana nabaFazi abaKhlukazi

ICWDM, isebenzisana neHistorium Trust ne- Afrikaanse Taalmuseum en -monument, bekunik'imbeko kabafazi baseCape Winelands abakhulukazi/abamangalisayo abali-16 ngexesha lomsithi womvuzo wokuqala. Ukubekwa kwesihandiba akunakanangwa kuphela iimpumelelo zomntu kodwa zikwaneendawo ezibalulekileyo zamandla abo bonke abafazi abaqhubeka ngokoyisa imiqobo nokuphinda zichaze into enokwenzeka kuluntu lwethu. Sivuyisana nabaphumeleleyo nabakhuphisi kwizifundo zolimo, kwi-ECD, imfundo esisiseko, icandelo le-NGO/CDW, abarhwebi, inkxaso, ulawulo, uthando nokukhuthazwa kwesiBhulu.

Phenomenal Woman in Agriculture

Winner Denise Stubbs Pniel, Stellenbosch

Phenomenal Woman in Early Childhood Development

Winner Jesika Jones Vlotenburg, Stellenbosch
 Runner-up Yvonne Jaftha De Doorns, Breede Valley

Phenomenal Woman in Basic Education

Winner Anelma Johnson Ashbury, Langeberg
 Runner-up Tertia Davids-Minnies Worcester, Breede Valley

Phenomenal Woman in the NGO/CDW Sector

Winner Zenani Mithi Kayamandi, Stellenbosch
 Runner-up Sienna Charles Kylemore, Stellenbosch

Phenomenal Woman Entrepreneur

Winner Adele Kitshoff Worcester, Breede Valley
 Runner-up Fallon Fion Taff Paarl, Drakenstein

Phenomenal Woman in Support

Winner Marizaan Bredenkamp Wellington, Drakenstein
 Runner-up Leezil Laubscher Wellington, Drakenstein

Phenomenal Woman in Management

Winner Janine Myburgh Pniel, Stellenbosch
 Runner-up Nina Schumann Stellenbosch

Phenomenal Woman of Passion

Winner Valerie Fernandez Cloeteville, Stellenbosch
 Runner-up Paulina Basson Wolseley, Witzenberg

Phenomenal Woman in Promoting Afrikaans /Fenomenale Vrou in die Bevordering van Afrikaans

Winner Veronica Botha Paarl, Drakenstein



Runners-up



Winners

Close to 1 000 adult diaper packs donated

The Cape Winelands District Municipality (CWDM) strongly believes that our elderly needs to be taken care of with dignity. They are therefore included in the municipality's initiative (which is budgeted for and prioritised every financial year) to supply diapers to elderly service centres, schools, ECD facilities and organisations that care for severely disabled or ill persons.

The Department of Community Development and Planning Services distributed 995 packs of adult diapers across the district during this financial year, focusing specifically on organisations that care for disabled or ill persons.

"This project is one of the most valuable projects of the CWDM and we are honoured to make a small difference with a project that provides care and dignity to the most vulnerable," stated Cllr Minnie Petersen, Portfolio Holder for Rural and Social Development.

The CWDM recognises the value and knowledge that the elderly has to offer and has empathy for the difficulties that those with disabilities experience.



Stellenbosch area

Bykans 1 000 pakke doeke aan bejaardes geskenk

Aangesien die KWDM sterk glo dat ons bejaardes met waardigheid versorg moet word, word hulle ingesluit by die jaarlikse veldtog om doeke te verskaf aan dienssentrums vir bejaardes, skole, VKO-fasiliteite en organisasies wat na erg gestremde of siek persone omsien. 995 pakke doeke vir volwassenes is hierdie jaar deur die distrik versprei. RdL. Minnie Petersen, Portefeuljehouer vir Landelike en Maatskaplike Ontwikkeling, het gesê die munisipaliteit is bevoorreg om 'n klein verskil te maak met 'n projek wat versorging en waardigheid aan die kwesbaarste inwoners voorsien.



Paarl area

Malunga ne- 1 000 leepakethi zezishuba zabadala zinikezelwe

NjegeCWDM sikholelwa kakhulu ukuba abantu abadala kufuneka bakhathalelwe ngesidima, baqukiwe kukwenza konyaka ukubonelela izishuba kumaziko eenkonzo zabantu abadala, kwizikolo, kumancedo e-ECD nakwimibutho ekhathalela abantu abaphila nobulelwe nabo bagulayo. Iipakethe ezingama-995 zezishuba zabantu abadala sisasazwe kwisithili sonke kulo nyaka. Cllr uMinnie Petersen, Portfolio UmBambi-Potifoliyo yoPhuhliso yoLuntu namaPhandle uthe umasipala unikw'imbeko ukwenza umahluko omncinane ngephulo lokubonelela inkathalelo nesidima kwabona bantu banokwenzakala kakhulu.

Celebrating the greats



The Mayoral Tourism Appreciation Awards of 2023 were nothing short of a celebration of dedication, sustainability, and excellence. Executive Mayor Elna von Schlicht's words aptly captured the spirit of the event, recognising that "our district has truly earned its place as one of the Great Wine Capitals of the World, not just through its wines but also through the remarkable people and accommodations that make it a world-class destination." she stated in her opening address.

The theme for World Tourism Day 2023, "Tourism and Green Investment," emphasised the crucial role sustainability plays in the tourism industry. "It's more than just having solar panels; it's



about embracing a philosophy and taking actions that reduce our impact on the environment while fostering economic growth. Every business, no matter how small, can contribute to responsible tourism, ensuring that our practices not only reduce harm but actively improve and preserve the environment for future generations."

The nominees this year, were those destinations that submitted entries into the Great Wine Capitals of the World. These award-winning destinations are all situated right here in the gorgeous Cape Winelands. The Executive Mayor bestowed a further recognition to the nominees in specific categories.



2023 Best of Wine Tourism Awards

Nominees

Babylonstoren	babylonstoren.com
Boschendal	boschendal.com
Delaire Graff	www.delaire.co.za
LeGrand Jardin	lejardin.co.za/pages/intimate-events
Spier	spier.co.za
Weltevrede	weltevrede.com
Tanagra	tanagra.co.za
Klein Goederust	kleingoederust.co.za
Wine Arc	thewinearc.co.za
Tokara	tokara.com
Cavalli	cavalliestate.com
Ernie Els	ernieels.com

Winners

Accommodation
Babylonstoren
Architecture & Landscape
Innovative Wine Tourism Experiences
Weltevrede
The Authentic South African Experience Award
Klein Goederust
WWF Conservation Pioneer Award
Tanagra

These awards not only acknowledge their outstanding contributions but also inspire others to join in the mission of preserving and promoting the Cape Winelands District as a global beacon of responsible and sustainable tourism. Congratulations to all the nominees and winners and may

your dedication to the well-being of our communities, the environment, and our local heritage continue to shine as brightly as the stars that grace our night skies. Thank you for making our district a world-class destination in every sense of the word.

Die beste word ter ere van toerisme gevier

Die Burgemeester se Toekennings ter Waardering van Toerisme 2023 was niks minder nie as 'n viering van toewyding, volhoubaarheid en voortreflikheid. Vanjaar se genomineerdes was die bestemmings wat vir die Great Wine Capitals of the World ingeskryf het en hulle is, natuurlik, almal reg hier in die asemrowende Kaapse Wynland geleë. Veels geluk aan al die genomineerdes en wenners en mag julle verbintenis tot die welstand van ons gemeenskappe, die omgewing en ons plaaslike erfenis altyd so helder skyn soos die sterre wat ons naglug versier. Dankie dat julle ons distrik in elke opsig 'n bestemming van wêreldklas maak.

Ukuyoliselwa ubumnandi ukunik'imbeko kukhenkethom

AmaBhaso okuXabisa oKhenketho lukaMeya wowama-2023 phantse ibe sisiyoliso sokuzinikela, zogcino nokulunga kanye. Abantu abamiselwe kulo nyaka zindawo ekuhanjelwa kuzo ezingenise inani labazigqatsileyo kwiGreat Wine Capitals of the World kwaye zonke zilapha kwiCape Winelands entle. Siyavuyisana nabo bonke abo bamisilweyo nabaphumeleleyo kwaye ukuzinikezela kwenu kwimpilo yoluntu lwethu, kummandla nakwilifa lethu lasekhaya zingaqhubeka nokukhanya njengobuqhawuli beenkwenkwenzi ezihombisa izibhakabhaka zethu ebusuku. Ndiyabulela ngokwenza isithili sethu indawo yokuhambela ekudidi oluphezulu lwehlabathi ngentsingiselo yonke..

Mayoral Study Aid Fund

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Valued at R1,6 million, the Mayoral Study Aid Fund embodies the CWDM's commitment to fostering education and youth development. "While some finer points remain under consideration, I am delighted to share that this funding will be accessible to our 2023 top achievers from January 2024," affirmed Mayor von Schlicht.

The Mayoral Study Aid Fund garnered positive endorsement from school principals who agreed that there were some instances where limited resources hinder a top-achieving student from pursuing higher education. Consequently, these students do not apply to institutions at all, and this fund presents an inspiring solution, offering support during the transition from registration to the commencement of studies via bursaries and other funding.

The Mayoral Study Aid Fund aims to provide a beacon of hope, illuminating the path to higher education for exceptional achievers, thereby advancing the educational landscape of the Cape Winelands District.

Burgemeester se Studiehulpfonds toegeken aan die Toppresteerders van die Kaapse Wynland

Rdh (Dr) Elna von Schlicht, Uitvoerende Burgemeester van die KWDM, het die stigting van die Burgemeester se Studiehulpfonds aangekondig wat vanaf Januarie 2024 vir 2023 se toppresterders toeganklik sal wees. Die toppresterder van elke hoërskool in die Kaapse Wynland-distrik wat 'n tersiêre studieprogram wil volg, sal 'n studiehulpotoelae van R20 000 ontvang. Dié fonds, met 'n waarde van R1,6 miljoen, bevestig die KWDM se verbintenis tot die bevordering van onderwys en jeugontwikkeling.

Ingxowa-mali yoNcedo lokuFunda kaMeya yandisiwe abaphumeli-phezulu baseCape Winelands

U-Ald (Gq.) Elna von Schlicht, uMeya waseCWDM, wazise ukumiselwa kweNgxowa-mali yoNcedo lokuFunda yeMeya eya kufikelela kubaphumeleli-phezulu bowama-2023 ukususela kweyeMqungu wowama-2024. Abaphumeli-phezulu kwisikolo ngasinye esiphakamileyo kwisithili saseCape Winelands ofuna ukufika iinkqubo zemfundo ephakamileyo uya kufumana imali yokufunda nesibonelelo sama- R20 000. Ixabiso lezigidi ezi-R1,6, ingxowa-mali ivakalisa ukuzibophelela kweCWDM ekukhuthazani imfundo nokuphuhlisa kolutsha.

Cutting-edge Incident Command bus

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structure of the ICS to convene and accommodating relevant members of the ICS during briefing meetings, if need be. The ICS is a standardised approach to the command, control and coordination of the emergency response of individual agencies during major incidents of disaster and/or major planned events.

With the introduction of this state-of-the-art IC Bus, the Cape Winelands District Municipality's Fire Services reinforces its commitment to enhance emergency response capabilities and to safeguard the wellbeing of the community during challenging times.

Hoogs moderne Insidentbevelbus versterk noodreaksie

Die KWDM se Brandweerdienste het in Junie met trots en entoesiasme hul moderne, pasgemaakte mobiele insidentbevelbus ontvang. Dié bus sal die KWDM, sy vennote en ander rolspelers in staat stel om in 'n maklik toeganklike voertuig bymekaar te kom en versagtende maatreëls in reaksie op groot voorvalle wat 'n bedreiging vir die gemeenskap en eiendom inhou, doeltreffend te voorspel, te beplan en te implementeer. Kenmerke sluit in: 'n konferensie-area met 10 sitplekke, 'n interaktiewe skerm en witborde, 'n omgekeerde kragopwekker en 'n sonkragstelsel vir ononderbroke elektrisiteitstoevoer. Die Brandweerdienste is ten volle verbind om die bevoegdheid in noodreaksie te versterk en om die welstand van die gemeenskap gedurende uitdagende tye te beskerm.

IBhasi yoLawulo lweSehlo se-Cutting-edge kwandisa impendulo yexesha likaxakeka

IiNkonzo zomLilo zaseCWDM ziyazingca kwaye zinolangazelelo lokuthatha ukuthumela isimo-sobugcisa saso ibhasi yoLawulo lweSehlo (IC) ehambayo eyilwe ngokwesiko ngeyeSilimela. Ibhasi i- IC iya kwenza ibe nakho iCWDM, oomahlulelane bayo nabanye abadlali-ndima ukufika kunye kufikelelo olulula lwengqwelo-mafutha ngenqikelelo esebenzayo, icebo nezenzo zokudambisa eziqalisayo kukuphendula kwizehlo ezikhulu ezisisongelo kuluntu nakumhlaba. Iimpawu ziquka izihlalo ezili-10 zommandla wengqungquthela, iskrini sentsebenziswano neebhodi ezimhlophe, umatshini wokwenza umbane ogqwethekileyo nesixokelelwano selanga sokubonelela umbane ongaphazanyiswayo. IiNkonzo yomLilo izibophelele ngokupheleleyo ukwandisa ubuchule bokuphendula ngexesha likaxakeka nokukhusela impilo yoluntu ngexesha lemiceli-mgeni.

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 scroll down to the Map on the home page and click on the area you would like to visit.



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Worcester
De Doorns
(Hex River Valley) and
Touws River

Breedekloof Wine
GravelandGrape
Worcester Tourism
HexValleyTourism
Touwsrivier Tourism
Association



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Wellington
Saron and
Gouda

Drakenstein Municipality
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Langeberg Municipality

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Montagu
Ashton and
McGregor

Robertson South Africa
Montagu Tourism
McGregor Tourism



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Safety engagements



Western Cape Government
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During August, Western Cape Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety, Reagen Allen, undertook intergovernmental municipal engagements (IGMEs) to ensure that collaboration is strengthened in the fight against crime in the province. The first IGME took place in Ceres with the Cape Winelands District Municipality (CWDM), and the following week IGME was held in George with the Garden Route District Municipality (GRDM). All the local municipalities from the respective districts were represented during these engagements.

for the robust and insightful engagements. A special word of thanks is extended to the CWDM Executive Mayor Dr Elna van Schlicht and the GRDM Executive Mayor Memory Booysen for the way they hosted us. It is evident that throughout these areas there is a desire for residents to live in improved and safer environments. This speaks directly to our goal as captured in our safety plan, which not only strives to halve the murder rate by 2029, but also to see our residents live in dignity and without fear.

Minister Reagan Allen gesels met die distrikte oor misdaad

Wes-Kaapse Minister van Polisie-oorstig en Gemeenskapsveiligheid, Reagen Allen, is op 'n provinsiewye veldtog om met munisipale distrikte oor die stryd teen misdaad te gesels. Hy het eerste met die KWDM in Ceres vergader, en daarna met die Tuinroete Distriksmunisipaliteit in George. Al die plaaslike munisipaliteite van die onderskeie distrikte is verteenwoordig tydens gesprekke wat gehandel het oor sake soos die Wes-Kaapse Veiligheidsplan, die Wetstoepassingsbeoordelingsplan, die provinsiale veiligheidsbegroting, misdaadsyfers en die integrasie van hulpbronne. Die missie is om misdaad te bekamp, die moordsyfer teen 2029 te halveer en te sorg dat inwoners in waardigheid en sonder vrees lewe.

The aim of these engagements are to:

- discuss the Western Cape Safety Plan (WCSP) and ensure a shared vision
- unpack the Law Enforcement Advancement Plan (LEAP)
- understand the provincial safety budget
- look at the crime statistics per district
- integrate, mobilise and utilise a wide range of knowledge, capacity and resources
- align efforts that will lead to a safer Western Cape

I am looking forward to engaging the rest of the districts throughout the province, with the West Coast being next on my agenda. It is extremely important that we become more aggressive and remain resolute in our aim to make this the safest province in the entire country. The Western Cape continues to achieve various successes, and this is what we seek to do in the safety space as well. The more the different spheres of government (particularly at the local sphere that is closest to the people) sing off the same hymn sheet, the sooner, along with the various and necessary stakeholders, would we be able to see greater and more success in our mission to combat crime."

UMphathiswa uReagan Allen uthetha nezithili malunga nolwaphulo-thetho

UMphathiswa woKhusaleko loLuntu noNgamele isiPolisa waseNtshona Koloni, uReagan Allen, uhamba iphondo ngokubanzi ebandakanya izithili zikamasipala ekulweni ulwaphulo-mthetho. Uqale wahlalanga neCWDM eCeres waze emva koko nomasipala sesiThili saseGarden Route eGeorge. Bonke oomasipala basekhaya kwizithili ngokwahluka-hlukeneyobebemelwe ngexesha lentetho elungisa imibandela efana nesiCwangciso soKhusaleko saseNtshona Koloni, isiCwangciso sokuQhubela Phambili umthetho weN kxaso, uqingo-mali loKhusaleko lwephondo, amanani olwaphulo-mthetho nokuhlanganiswa kwemithombo. Injongo kukuphelisa ulwaphulo-mthetho, umlinganiselo wokubulala ibisisiqingatha ngama-2029 nokuqinisekisa ukuba abahlali bahlala kwisidima ngaphandle koloyiko.



Happy moms mean happy babies!

On Tuesday, 3 October 2023, CWDM and other partners including GCIS, Grow Great & Flourish hosted a 1000 Moms Awareness Campaign at the Worcester Town Hall. A group of 500 pregnant moms-to-be from across the district were brought together, informed and educated on the importance of the first 1000 days of a child's life; from conception to two years. Among the many topics discussed was the importance of mental and

physical health of pregnant women and its effects on the unborn baby. Cllr Minnie Petersen (Portfolio Holder: Rural and Social Development) addressed the ladies and encouraged them to envision the ideal world for their child. "It is important that we, as parents and adults be aware of the active role we have from the moment of conception, to ensure a healthy child and an ideal world for them to live in" stated Cllr Petersen.



Help us protect young girls

Between 4 September and 31 October 2023, the Western Cape Department of Health and Wellness will administer the second round of the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, which helps prevent cervical cancer.

Girls in Grade 5 who are older than 9 years and who received the vaccine earlier this year, will be able to receive their booster doses after the appropriate parental consent has been obtained. During the first round of HPV vaccination, a total of 1 044 schools were visited and 76% of the children received their first dose, which provides the opportunity to administer the same number of vaccinations in the second round.

Cervical cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths amongst women aged 15 to 44 years in South Africa, with about 70% of invasive cancers caused by the HPV serotypes 16 and 18. As such, the department remains committed to eliminate cervical cancer as effectively as possible by nurses and colleagues play an important role in facilitating this intervention with their contributions.

For maximum effectiveness, the vaccine needs to be administered before any sexual activity or intimate contact

Tweede ronde van HPV-inentings by skole

Die Wes-Kaapse Departement van Gesondheid en Welstand gaan tussen 4 September en 31 Oktober 2023 die tweede ronde van die entstof teen die menslike papillomavirus (HPV) toedien aan meisies in graad 5 wat ouer as 9 jaar is en vroeër vanjaar die entstof ontvang het. Hierdie entstof help om serviskanker te voorkom en HPV-infeksie kan verminder word as ons kudde-immuniteit bereik. Daar word 'n beroep op ouers gedoen om die vereiste toestemmingsvorm in te vul en in te dien sodat hul dogters by die skool ingeënt kan word.

occurs, which means vaccinating as early as age 9.

"Ensuring the second dose of HPV vaccination gives your daughter the appropriate defense in preventing cervical cancer later on in life, and gives you peace of mind in knowing your daughter is protected," is the advice to parents from Sonia Botha, Deputy Director of Child Health. The HPV vaccination campaign is dependent on the support of parents and caregivers and it is therefore necessary that the consent forms be completed and submitted to the schools prior to the nursing staff visits.

"We enjoy bringing this opportunity to young girls. By bringing it to the school, parents don't have to take time off work to take their child to the clinic for this life-saving vaccine," said Sister Roenell Balie of the Western Cape Department of Health and Wellness in the Cape Winelands. "But we do need your help, parents. Please sign the consent form and submit it to the school."

The HPV campaign brings hope to us all for a world free of cervical cancer, and HPV infection can be reduced if herd immunity is achieved using the vaccine.

Umjikelezo wesibini sokugonyela i-HPV ezikolweni

Phakathi komhla wesi- kweyoMsintsi nama-31 kweyeDwarha ngowama-2023, iSebe lezeMpilo neMpilo laseNtshona Koloni liya kwenza umjikelezo wesibini lokugonyela intsholongwane yepapilloma (HPV) yabantu kumantombazana eBanga lesi-5 nabangaphezulu kuneminyaka eli-9 kwaye abafumene ugonye kwangexesha kulo nyaka. Olu gonyo lunceda ukuthintela umhlkaza womlomo wesibeleko kwaye usulelo lwe-HPV lungancitshiswa ukuba imfumba yabantu ayinakosulelwa. Abazali bakhuthazwa ukuba bagqibezele iifomu zemvume ezifunwayo baze bazingenise ukuze iintombi zabo zibe nakho ukugonywa esikolweni.

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL-BASED VACCINATION PROGRAMME

2 September until 31 October 2022

School health nurses will be visiting public and special schools to administer the doses of:

✓ The human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine	✓ The tetanus and diphtheria (Td-Diftavax) booster
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Who are eligible?

Girls in Grade 5, over the age of 10 years, with the necessary consent, will be eligible for the HPV vaccine.	Boys and girls in Grade 5, over the age of 10 years, with the necessary consent, will be eligible for the Td-Diftavax booster.
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Remember to sign and return the consent form. Vaccines are safe, free and effective.

“There is a big world out here, just waiting for me.”



The Cape Winelands District Municipality (CWDM) and the German NGO, KIEZ, hosted the annual youth exchange programme that enabled grade 11 pupils from the district to visit Germany to develop leadership skills and foster cultural understanding. KIEZ was established in 1999 with the aim to create an improved understanding of democracy by developing leadership in youth through cultural exchange.

The only costs borne by the learners were for air tickets and pocket money – accommodation, meals, entrance tickets and transport were funded by the German government via the NGO. After incredible fundraising efforts, nerve-racking visits to the Department of Home Affairs and the visa offices, the packing and arrangements, the group of 12 learners from schools in the Langeberg area left on 19 August 2023 with their chaperones.

For many members of the group, it was a trip of firsts. First time outside South Africa’s borders, first time in an airplane and, for all of them, the first time visiting Germany.

The group was based in Gernrode, a small town in the Sachsen-

Anhalt District that used to be part of the Eastern Bloc. From here the group visited Quedlinburg with its gorgeous cobblestoned streets and historical market area as well as the GutsMuths Gimnasium, the high school attended by many of their fellow German students.

The days were very busy with visits to Magdasburg, which included an exciting day at the Millenium Dome and other activities at the Kletterpark, a visit to the cathedral, which at 800 years old is the oldest Gothic cathedral in Germany. There were visits to museums, and the home of the poet Johan Gleim proved to be a highlight. The team took to public transport with aplomb and with a little help from the patient translator, they were soon whizzing around to Halberstadt, Wernigerode and other towns.

The pro-active recycling programme was well received by the learners, while practices such as not talking loudly on the bus were a little more difficult to grasp. And of course, true to our South African spirit, there were many comments about the difference in food with one of the learners commenting, “Can’t I just make them curry-mince vetkoek?” The learners had the

opportunity to spend a weekend with their German ‘family’, from which each child returned with a wonderful story. “I was on the autobahn”, “I braaied in German”, “Wow, we went on the cable car”, and so on.

The days passed quickly and without realising it, everyone was speaking smatterings of German, had become walking machines, and had shared sensitivities with new friends.

After a few tearful goodbyes, the group started the long trip home, with hearts and minds full of new memories, adventures and great experiences.

In October 2023, the same NGO will accompany 12 learners from Germany on their visit to the Cape Winelands. Much planning has been under way by the innovative group of learners from the Langeberg to ensure that the visitors get to experience all the best parts of the CWDM while they are here.

(...and yes, curry-mince vetkoek, koesters and milk tart are all on the menu!).

The KIEZ/Cape Winelands District Municipality partnership has over the past six years afforded 49 learners from high schools in Breede Valley, Drakenstein, Witzenberg and the Langeberg the opportunity to form part of the exchange. No trips took place during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The contract is renewed annually and is supported by Western Cape Education in the Cape Winelands who, together with the schools in a given area, select eligible learners.

There is no guarantee at this stage that the partnership will be renewed; however, should it be, it is envisaged that the municipal area of Stellenbosch will have the opportunity to send learners to Germany in August 2024.

This year’s exchange also included five firefighters hailing from the CWDM and the Stellenbosch and Langeberg municipalities.



Kulturele uitruil en kennisdeling in Duitsland
Die vennootskap tussen die KWDM en die Duitse NRO, KIEZ, het meegebring dat twee groepe Kaapse Wynlanders die wolke ingevaar het om die Duitse Sachsen-Anhalt-distrik en omgewing gedurende Augustus 2023 te besoek. Groep een het bestaan uit 12 leerders van Langeberg-skole wat deel was van die jaarlikse jeuguitruilprogram om leierskapsvaardighede te ontwikkel en kulturele begrip te bevorder. Groep twee was vyf kenners van brande van die KWDM en Stellenbosch en Langeberg munisipaliteite wat genooi is om hul kennis oor landelike brande te deel en aanbevelings oor ’n opleidingsprogram vir brandbestryders te maak. Burgemeester Elna von Schlicht het gesê dat hierdie twee projekte getuig van hoe belangrik gesonde vennootskappe en samewerking tussen regerings is.

Utshintshiselwano lwenkcubeko nokwabelana ngolwazi eJamani
Ulwahlulelwano phakathi kweGerman NGO, KIEZ, kubone amaqela amabini aseCape Winelands ebhabha esibhakabhakeni etyelela isiThili saseGerman Sachsen-Anhalt kwaye engonganga ngeyeThupha wowama-2023. Iqela lokuqala elinabafundi abali-12 abasuka kwizikolo zaseLangeberg elenze inxalenye yenkqubo yotshintshiselwano lolutsha lonyaka ukuphuhlisa izakhono zobunkokheli nokukhuthaza ingqiqo yenkcubeko. Iqela lesibini ibizingcaphephe zomlilo ezintlanu ezisuka kuMasipala waseCWDM nakumasipala waseStellenbosch nakumasipala waseLangeberg ebeliminywe ukwabelana nolwazi lwabo olumalunga nemililo yaseMaphandleni nokwenza izindululo.



67 entities collaborate for Mandela Day

On 18 July 2023, colleagues from the Community Development and Planning Services (CDPS) spent their time in honour of Nelson Mandela International Day in Touwsrivier, Breede Valley.

CDPS joined hands with Touwsrivier Tourism in their ‘Fab Collab’ initiative by supporting the Winter Warmers Drive, which was internally led by Municipal Health Services in collaboration with the Disaster Management, LED and Rural and Social Development units.

Touwsrivier is known for its extremely cold winters and there is always a need for blankets and warm clothes in the community, which made the Winter Warmers Drive a perfect opportunity to donate these items. Officials

from the five regional offices ensured that 174 bags of warm clothing, 12 bags of shoes and 30 duvets were distributed, while the Disaster Management unit of the CWDM donated 50 duvets and 50 food hampers to the community of Touwsrivier. Six organisations and six creches benefited from these much-needed provisions. On the day, various projects took place across town, including the cleanup and maintenance of public areas and buildings such as parks, sidewalks, bridges, historical buildings and creches. Meals were provided to 4 500 community members, and 87 elderly citizens were treated to an excursion and spoiled with a three-course meal. An demonstration by public services educated learners on best practices during an emergency and showcased career opportunities in this field.

The Fab Collab initiative grew from the notion that the efforts of Mandela Day could make a far greater impact and reach many more people through collaboration. 67 entities that included government and private organisations and businesses came together by donating their time, services, goods and funds for the town of Touwsrivier.

The success of the Fab Collab for Mandela Day has once again demonstrated that great things are possible when private and public entities work together towards a common goal. The CWDM believes that collaborations such as these are imperative to brighten the future of our communities.

Samewerking op Mandeladag
Die KWDM en plaaslike munisipaliteite het op 18 Julie 2023 aangesluit by Touwsrivier Toerisme vir hul ‘Fab Collab’-inisiatief deur die Winter Warmers-veldtog te ondersteun, waartydens broodnodige komberse, duvets en warm klerne aan die gemeenskap van Touwsrivier geskenk is. Verskeie ander projekte het die skoonmaak van parke, sygaardjies, brûe, historiese geboue en bewaarskole ingesluit, en duisende maaltye is voorsien. Die Fab Collab-inisiatief het ontstaan uit die idee dat die pogings van Mandeladag deur samewerking ’n baie groter impak sal maak en baie meer mense sal bereik. Merkwaardige dinge is beslis moontlik wanneer privaat en openbare entiteite saamwerk om ’n gemeenskaplike doel te bereik.

Intsebenziswano ngomhla kaMandela
Ngomhla we- 18 kwyeKhalala ngowama-2023, iCWDM noomasipala basekhaya bahlangene kukhenketho lwaseTouwsrivier iFab Collab initiative yabo exhaswa Winter Warmers Drive ngexesha leengubo ezifunwa kakhulu, izingxobo ezizele iimbuphu ezisetyenziswa endaweni yeengubo ebhedini neempahla ezishushu ezinikezelwe kuluntu lwaseTouwsrivier. Amanye amaphulo ahlukeneyo ukuquka ukucoca iipaki, iipevimente, iiblorho, izakhiwo zembali neekhrithi namalungiselelo amawaka okutya. I Fab Collab initiative ikhule kwingcinga yeenzame zomhla kaMandela kungenza impembelelo ekunkulu kakhulu ukufikelela kubantu abaninzi kakhulu ngentsebenziswano. Izinto ezinkulu zinokwenzeka xa iindawo zoluntu nezabucala zisebenzisana ngakwinjongo eqhelekileyo.



Twenty-six firefighters graduate

“I salute you,” stated the Executive Mayor of the Cape Winelands District Municipality, Ald (Dr) Elna von Schlicht, during the graduation ceremony held at the CWDM’s Firefighter Training Academy in Stellenbosch. “To begin with, an aspiring firefighter requires a very specific set of characteristics. These characteristics are then honed through training, and as you stand here today, you are committed, courageous, resilient, and possess an unyielding strength of character.”

The CWDM Firefighter Training Academy proudly introduced the newest graduates of the Fire Fighting I, Hazmat awareness and Hazmat operations course during a ceremony that included a parade and impressive drill demonstrations. These dedicated

firefighters that represent the South African Navy, Cape Winelands District, Swartland and Langeberg municipalities completed an intense 12-week training programme to qualify for their roles.

The training programme encompasses both theoretical and practical aspects, with the physical component often proving to be the most demanding. “When we began, it felt as if success was beyond our reach. We struggled individually, but as we came together as a team, we found motivation in one another, making even the most challenging tasks achievable!” shared CWDM firefighter Junaid Rass during the event.



The top students, from left: Heinrich Snyman, Langeberg Municipality – top theoretical student, Aaliyah Abrahams, Stellenbosch Municipality – most dedicated student; Seaman Kevin Maswati, SA Navy – student of the course and best practical student, and Adrian Ferrier, CWDM Fire Services – most improved student.



Group photo (a): The graduates, ready to go!

Ses-en-twintig nuwe brandbestryders gradueer
 Die KWDM se Opleidingsakademie vir Brandbestryders in Stellenbosch het met trots die nuutste gegradueerdes van die Suid-Afrikaanse Vloot, Kaapse Wynland-distrik, Swartland en Langeberg munisipaliteite aangekondig. Dit was voorwaar 'n hoogs toegewyde en dapper groep van ses-en-twintig wat vir bywoners 'n parade en indrukwekkende drilpeloton gehou het.

Ukuthweswa izidanga zabacimi-miilo abangashumi amabini anesithandathu
 ICWDM Firefighter Training Academy eseStellenbosch iyazingca ngokwazisa abatheswa-zidanga abatsha boomatiloshe beenqanawa boMzantsi Afrika, kuMasipala besiThili saseCape Winelands, uMasipla waseSwartland noMasipala waseLangeberg abagqibe ngokupheleleyo ubuchule beemodyuli zeFighting I no-II. Kube yinene ukuzibophelela kakhulu kweqela elikhalphileyo elingamshumi amabini anesithandathu elihambe ngoluhlu laze lathabathekisa ababelapho ngemiboniso yoqheliso lwalo.



Group Photo (b): Twenty-six proud firefighters with dignitaries, including the Executive Mayor of the CWDM, Ald (Dr) Elna von Schlicht (centre).



Fire Services in Germany

Under the leadership of Chief Fire Officer, Wayne Josias, Regional Commander for Training, Heinrich Louw, supported by Craig van Reenan of Stellenbosch and Fernando Hoofd of Langeberg, the group aimed to evaluate the situation in rural Germany and assist with designing a training programme in the prevention of fires and conservation of the rich forests in these parts. We interviewed Heinrich Louw about the group’s experience:



1. How did this knowledge exchange come about?
 The CWDM had already established a partnership with the German NGO KiEZ for quite some time. The core function of this foundation is the development of youth through cultural exchanges and leadership programmes, and that is how they became aware of the CWDM Fire Services

and its Training Academy.

In rural areas of Germany, as in most other countries, the fighting of rural and wildland fires is not subsidised by the government. It’s a function managed by volunteers who need to be trained. KiEZ approached their government to utilise the existing partnership to provide funds for a training programme for their volunteer fire services located in rural areas. After this approval was granted, KiEZ approached us to explore the possibility of developing a training course for volunteers. During this first visit, the focus was on identifying gaps, outlining a training programme or schedule, and determining the course requirements for firefighters to combat field or ‘wildland fires’.

2. Where in Germany were you, and for how long?
 We were in the rural district of Sachsen-Anhalt, located in former East Germany. It’s a very beautiful area with various natural forests. We stayed in the area for 10 days and met with various fire services and fire chiefs. It was a very busy 10 days!

3. How does the experience of the CWDM Fire Services differ from the fire services in Sachsen-Anhalt?
 The CWDM has one of the best records in wildland fire management worldwide. On the one hand, this is because we receive a lot of practice given our large area of natural vegetation and the very dry, hot summers. On the other hand, it’s because we have well-trained and well-equipped firefighting teams and excellent relationships with our partners who support services on the ground and in the air.

In contrast, Europe doesn’t have much experience in managing wildland fires as their climate and conditions differ from ours. But, as the impact of climate change increases, the number and severity of wildland fires are growing and their services simply aren’t equipped to handle these types of fires. Europe is increasingly turning to South Africa and Australia for advice on fire prevention and management. Our ground teams regularly assist with fires in America, Northern Africa, and most recently in Canada.

The training facilities at their central fire service were particularly impressive but focused heavily on structural fires. The fire services have excellent equipment and training; it’s not that they lack capacity, willingness or even resources, but rather that the nature of the fires that they need to manage is changing.

4. What are the next plans?
 At this stage, everyone is taking a bit of a breather, but as we understand it, a group of firefighters will travel to our region during our fire season that runs from November to the end of April to experience our active services firsthand.

From there, we will get a better idea for future training. It’s actually an emergency for them; due to climate change, the forests in Germany have become a habitat for a type of beetle that causes trees to die, and these dead trees are excellent fuel for fires. Although there are plans to address the beetle situation, the number of dead trees and the threat they pose to forests is a major concern.

5. Any final words?
 It was truly a wonderful learning opportunity for us to see the conditions in other countries. We often tend to think that we in South Africa lag far behind the first-world countries, and yet, here we are not only ahead in terms of expertise but also because we are so willing to share our knowledge. On a final

note, it was an honour to get to know firefighters from another country and once again realise that firefighters are one big family, and our values and love for the service transcend all other differences.

“We were so excited to be sharing not only our wonderful diversity through the youth exchange, but also our firefighting skills with the world!” stated the CWDM’s Executive Mayor Elna von Schlicht at the last meeting before the group departed. “The projects that had developed as a result of our partnership with KiEZ are testimony to the importance of intergovernmental cooperation. I can’t wait to hear how the trip went and all that they experienced.”



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