



# GOING GREEN

## Seeing the wood for the trees

One of the unique attributes that the Cape Winelands is known for is the rich diversity of flora that occurs naturally in our area. The Proteaceae family is a large group of plants and, like all families, have many different faces that all need very specific conditions in which to thrive. Alien vegetation and its consequences are one of the biggest threats, not only to our flora but to our whole natural environment too.

The Cape Winelands District Municipality's (CWDM) Spatial Planning and Environmental Management division is mandated to manage projects that help protect our natural biodiversity and conserve water. One of these projects is alien vegetation clearing, which comprises several factors:

- Firstly, the impact of alien vegetation on our environment, including rivers and therefore our food security.
- Secondly, the projects create job opportunities for those living in rural areas. Since January 2023, projects have created 110 job opportunities.
- Thirdly, the process of clearing often generates further opportunities for community projects to produce and sell firewood and, depending on the location, allows communities to collect the off-cuts for use at their homes.

The most important factor, however, is our environment. When alien vegetation takes over, it outgrows natural vegetation and blocks the sun, extracts water from the soil and kills all the naturally occurring indigenous vegetation. Alien vegetation is extremely thirsty, meaning that unlike our indigenous trees, they use a lot of water, and we all know that water is vital to all of us.

The first aspect that is considered when identifying an area for clearing is the impact that the alien vegetation is having on the environment. Once this has been established and clearing deemed necessary, a number of procurement processes are required and, once finalised, the actual clearing can start. The contracted teams begin by cutting down



Koekedou before clearing, Image 1

trees and applying herbicide on the tree stumps, thus preventing the tree from growing again. The tree trunks and larger branches are stacked into biomass piles for further processing by firewood contractors.

However, this is only the first stage of the process. The age of the alien trees at the time of clearing has a huge impact on the clearing process – the older the trees the deeper the seed load is. This means that clearing teams have to return to the cleared ground every few months to eradicate the new alien trees that have sprouted. Only once the alien vegetation has been mostly removed, will the conditions be favourable for the natural vegetation to re-establish.



Koekedou during clearing

Remember that the vegetation is unique to each area, so it is not advisable to sow seeds from fynbos that grows in other areas into the newly cleared area. We want to give the use indigenous vegetation an opportunity to re-establish. One of the factors that makes our flora so unique is the fact that many varieties are found only in specific areas.



Koekedou after clearing

As stated, local contractors remove the biomass to be sold as firewood, which helps residents generate income. Depending on the locality of the area, residents sometimes collect the leftover offcuts to use for the provision of warmth and food preparation.

The CWDM only clears vegetation that is growing on municipal property. Interestingly, the law provides that landowners must eradicate alien or invasive vegetation that grows on their land.

This is why many landowners invite firewood contractors to clear a section of their ground but this has some challenges.

It is important to ensure that the leftover branches and wood deemed too small for use by the contractor are removed once the ground is cleared. Often, a contractor will only remove the trunks and branches that can be turned into firewood, leaving the smaller branches and twigs. These become dry and are ideal fuel for veld fires. Due to the natural resin or oils that occur in many alien species such as black wattle, alien trees burn at high temperatures, which then destroys the seeds of the natural vegetation that may have settled in the ground and were waiting for the right conditions in which to germinate.

The CWDM's Spatial Planning and Environmental Management unit is active throughout the district. There is a project under way in the Houtbaai River outside McGregor, which is in its second/third year. When the project started, the alien vegetation was so dense that it was choking the river and preventing the free flow of water. Although the area is still a little bare, the natural small karoo vegetation will return in the next few years as it has in Ceres.

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### Sien die bos deur die bome

Die KWDM se afdeling Ruimtelike Beplanning en Omgewingsbestuur het die mandaat om projekte te bestuur wat help om ons natuurlike biodiversiteit te beskerm en water te bespaar. Een van hierdie projekte is die opruiming van uitheemse plantegroei om die impak op ons omgewing te versag. Die munisipaliteit gebruik gekontrakteerde spanne om bome af te saag en onkruidodder op die stompe toe te dien. Grondeienaars word deur die wet verplig om uitheemse of indringerplantegroei wat op hul grond groei, uit te roei. Die prente van die Houtbaai- en Koekedou-gebiede in McGregor toon duidelik die voor- en na-effek van suksesvolle opruimingsprojekte.

### Ukubona imithi njengekuni

Isahlulo se CWDM's Spatial Planning and Environmental Management sinegunya lokulawula amaphulo akhuselaubom bezilwanyana nezityalo ezahlukeneyo kwindawo ethile nokulondolozwa kwamanzi. Elinye lala maphulo kususa izityalo zamanye amazwe ukunciphisa impembelelo kummandla wethu. Umasipala usebenzisa amaqela anesivumelwano nawo ukuba agege imithi aze asebenzise amayeza kwizikhondo. Abaninimhlaba kufuneka ngokumthetho batshabalise izityalo zamanye amazwe okanye ezihlaselayo ezikhula kumhlaba wabo. Imifanekiso yommandla waseHoutbaai naseKoekedou eMcGregor ibonisa ngokucacile iziphumo zaphambi nasemva kwephulo lokucoca ebeliyimpumelelo.

### Koos Jakobs, our record-breaker



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### The Beekeeper



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### Kronkie Kiem



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## Easter BLESSINGS

I would like to wish all Christians a wonderful and blessed Easter time. May happiness and peace surround you and remember to always be a blessing to those around you. Let your heart overflow with generosity and kindness. Stay and drive safe in the Cape Winelands.



Ald (Dr) Elna von Schlicht  
Executive Mayor

## Ramadan Kareem

On behalf of the Cape Winelands District Municipality I want to wish our Muslim citizens a blessed Ramadan Mubarak. May you and your family experience peace, good health, and strength to perform good deeds during this holy month.

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In image 1, on the previous page, you can clearly see the prosperous indigenous growth returning. Note on the images of the Houtbaai and Koekedou areas that one could initially not even see the river, and how it appears now. You too can eradicate alien vegetation. Learn to identify alien trees and plants and share this knowledge

with family, neighbours and friends. Only plant indigenous or non-invasive plants, trees and shrubs in your garden.

You can find a list with pictures of the alien vegetation on: <https://www.capenature.co.za/alien-vegetation-management>

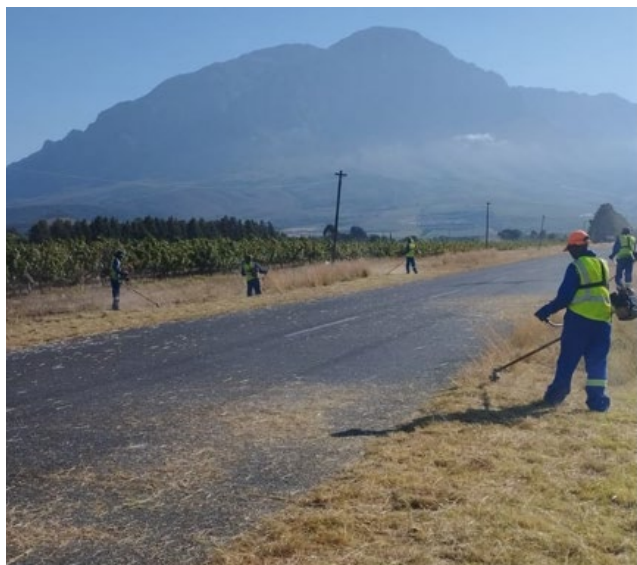
**The top 10 invasive alien plants affecting the Western Cape are:**



# Mowing the lawn

The maintenance of road verges plays an important role in the safety of our motorists and pedestrians. Keeping the verges clear of grass and weeds ensures that everyone always has a clear view of the road ahead.

This function is especially important in the rural areas as children and commuters often need to wait on the side of the road for school buses and other transport. The contracted services are actively busy clearing verges throughout the district.



**Geen gras en onkruid beteken veiliger paaie**  
Die instandhouding van padrande speel 'n belangrike rol in die veiligheid van ons motoriste en voetgangers. Deur die rande vry van gras en onkruid te hou, word daar seker gemaak dat almal altyd 'n duidelike uitsig van die pad vorentoe het. Hierdie funksie is veral in die landelike gebiede belangrik, aangesien kinders en pendelaars dikwels langs die pad vir die skoolbus en ander vervoer moet wag. Die gekontrakteerde dienste is aktief besig om padrande regdeur die distrik skoon te maak.

**Ukucheba ingca nokhula ukuze iindlela zikhuseleke**  
Ukugcinwa kwemida yeendlela kudlala indima ebalulekileyo kukhuseleko lwabaqhubi beemoto nabahambi ngeenyawo. Ukugcina imida ingenangca nokhula kuqinisekisa ukuba wonke ubani soloko unombono ocacileyo ngaphambili endleleni. Lo msebenzi ubaluleke ngokukodwa kwimimandla yamaphandleni njengoko abatwana nabakhweli belinda ecaleni kwendlela iibhasi zesikolo neziye izithuthi. Iinkonzo zemvumelwano zixakeke ngokukhuthaleyo ukucoca imida kwisithili sonke.



Dear Cape Winelands citizens  
It is autumn, the season of the year during which temperatures gradually decrease. Although each season is unique, this season resembles a beautiful time for the Cape Winelands District. The transition after a successful harvest, the leaves on the trees turning colour in preparation for its new life, and the crisp and golden mornings resembling hope.

Just like the season of autumn, we as a municipality are preparing for the new financial year. After months of consulting the public in each municipality through Mayoral Mondays and other public participation engagements, we have now concluded our call for input into the Integrated Development Plan (IDP). The IDP is a process giving due regard to community needs according to which municipalities prepare a strategic development plan that informs the municipality's budget.

During the March Council meeting, I tabled the Cape Winelands District Municipality's draft 1st review IDP and Budget 2023/24-2024/25. This budget will be an action plan of the promises we made to our stakeholders. A budget that is **deliberate**. **Deliberate** in the process of carefully considering and discussing our actions, our budget, and our projects for the 2023/24-2024/25 financial years.

We must be **deliberate** about service delivery and **deliberate** in our urgency when handling projects and tasks.

By adopting this draft budget, the CWDM Council agreed to be **deliberate**; to intentionally serve our communities and restoring dignity.

- Amongst other, the following Focus Project Priorities for 2023/2024 – 2024/2025 will be implemented:
- Safety (Neighbourhood, Road, and Pedestrian safety)
  - Mitigating the Energy Crisis
  - Early Childhood Development and Youth development
  - Mental Health and Wellness
  - Food security
  - Job growth and opportunities

To serve our communities means to direct our budget in such a way that it addresses the issues individuals may face on a daily basis.

Local industries, businesses and households are struggling to generate their own electricity in the face of an increasing power shortage. I note that many South Africans currently have a grim outlook, amidst the energy crisis, for our economy. Although we are faced with these challenges, we are confident that through this budget hope will again be instilled in our residents.

As the Cape Winelands District Municipality we remain committed to ensuring that equal opportunities, jobs and safer communities are created, while working towards economic growth, mitigating the energy crisis, and serving our communities with pride. It is vital to us that our communities live in dignity.

To all residents and visitors – take care in the Cape Winelands – where there are a thousand things to do and then ... some wine.

*Elna von Schlicht*

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Dear Citizens and Visitors

What a busy year it has been so far and yet, here we are, almost at Easter weekend. As I reflect on the last three months, it gives me great joy, despite the very difficult times in which we find ourselves to share with you the triumphs and achievements of the Cape Winelands District Municipality (CWDM).



**Mr Henry Prins**  
Municipal Manager: Cape Winelands District Municipality

I think that it is important to recognise the effect that the on-going energy crisis and increasing price of petrol is having on everyone. I am sure that I am not alone in saying that I find myself entering the grocery store with a mild sense of alarm, knowing that familiar items will be more expensive than the last time I shopped.

These issues also affect the cost of doing business, our organisation included. For example, I can confirm that to date, the 2022/23 fire season has been our most expensive fire season to date; not because we have had more fires, but because the cost of travelling to and from fires and water points has increased significantly. Despite this, the CWDM's Fire Services remain the most cost-effective authority in wildfire fighting in our district. I wish to remind our citizens and partners that fighting wildfires is one of our core mandates and that we are trained, well-resourced, equipped and prepared to answer a call. And we will always answer a call.

While you page through this 'green' edition of our newsletter, you will note many engagements aimed at improving the daily lives of our citizens. Our employees continue to find innovative ways in which to address some of the challenges affecting us, such as the highly entertaining and interactive puppet show presented by our Municipal Health Services (MHS). Other projects may not be as hip and happening as an interactive theatre or as visible as the fire services, but they still have a resounding impact on the recipient. One such project is the sanitary towel distribution we undertake annually. This project helps to keep girls at school; if we want to improve the outcomes for the youth of the Cape Winelands, it is vital that they attend school.

I read with interest the articles on alien vegetation clearing and air quality – these projects are aimed at ensuring a healthy supply of water and air, which we are all dependent on for our survival. I will certainly be stepping up my recycling regime to help reduce my family's carbon footprint and I hope the easy guidelines will motivate you too. We cannot keep throwing things away; there is simply nowhere for it to go.

What a pleasure it was to read about three of our beneficiaries and learn how their businesses are quietly doing their bit to save the planet. Their entrepreneurial spirit is wonderful.

The unseasonable rain in February meant that our Roads teams had their hands full. It was with quiet pride that I noticed several social media posts complimenting our road workers for working on a Sunday to ensure that roads are fit to transport harvest from farms to cold storage and markets.

I thank the Executive Mayor, Elna von Schlicht, and her Mayco for attending the Mayoral Mondays. It is always inspiring to interact directly with our citizens, especially when we can assist in removing a roadblock or two.

The Cape Winelands district was very well represented at the International Trade Show of Berlin, so much so that the South African exhibition received the 'Best Stand' award in its category. I was hugely impressed with the level of interest that prospective international partners and investors showed in the Cape Winelands during our visit. I can assure you that the world is interested in South Africa! The CWDM continues to invest in attracting visitors and investors to our district by building partnerships and developing our tourism industry.

However, as I stepped off the plane from Germany and onto home ground, I thought, "It's good to be home." Even in these challenging times, we are blessed to be in this part of the world, and especially in the Cape Winelands district.

During the next month many of us will be observing Easter or Ramadan. To those citizens for whom this is a spiritual time, may it be blessed.

*Henry Prins*

# Every breath we take

We hardly ever think about air. We use it automatically and seldom spare it a thought. But did you know that our air quality is protected?

The Cape Winelands District Municipality (CWDM) has a large Municipal Health Services (MHS) department. One of their functions, is to ensure that the air around us is safe. The Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning DEAD&P recently hosted a workshop for the air quality officers of CWDM, local municipalities and related role players in Worcester.

In the Cape Winelands both the CWDM and the Local Municipalities have Air Quality Officers (AQOs), who have designated responsibilities pertaining to air quality management, to ensure that the diversity of air pollution issues is managed in the most effective manner.

To illustrate, the CWDM's Air Quality Officer is mandated to monitor the emissions caused by all listed activities, such as those found at brick manufacturers. While the local municipality's Air Quality Officer is responsible for the monitoring of emissions such as those created at a sewerage plant or manage noise control. Air Quality Management requires teamwork and collaboration between local, district and Provincial AQO's to protect the community and build on our constitutional right to a clean environment.



Noise meter in neighbourhood

The AQOs are guided by several plans, frameworks and policies pertaining to air quality management, within the Air Quality Act, providing the regulatory tools and mandates to protect and enhance the quality of air. The Air Quality Act has national ambient air quality standards for criteria pollutants from point and non-point sources such as Carbon Monoxide (CO), Sulphur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), and Nitrogen Oxide (NO<sub>2</sub>), etc. These intended to be health-based, and broadly accepted as a proxy for air that it not harmful to health and well-being. Furthermore, the Air Quality Act also prescribe minimum emission standards, setting limits on the amount of pollution for all listed activities and controlled emitters.

Although there are many forms of air pollution the topics discussed at the workshop were: odours, dust and noise. Each of these pollutants are managed differently with supporting regulations from national and local government.

Smells (or odours as they are referred to when they are unpleasant) have a variety of causes, however not all odours are dangerous to people or the environment, even so we shouldn't ignore our noses when we pick up a strange smell, as it could be alerting us to a nearby fire or tell us that food has turned bad. But, because smell is subjective, in other words what one person may find offensive, another may not even notice, which creates challenges in managing and regulating it. All premises must take reasonable steps to prevent emissions of any offensive odours.

Odours have a range of causal factors, from food manufacturing to the agricultural sector's controlled burns. There are also a wide range of factors that impact how an odour dissipates. In the Cape Winelands, the weather and our unique geological landscape often cause a condition called an inversion. This is when cooler weather settles on top of the warm air in a specific area and prevents the air from escaping. In essence, the mountain around a valley acts like the walls of a pot, keeping the air still and warm. The cooler



Inversion taking place

air then settles on top of this layer of hot air, like the lid of a pot, trapping smells and heat and preventing the odours from dissipating naturally.

When odour pollution is detected, the AQO's will first undertake an odour assessment to determine whether the odour is objectionable or offensive which could have inherent adverse effects to the environment or human health. They look at aspects such as the frequency, intensity, duration, offensiveness, location, and weather conditions at the time of the pollution. Based on these outcomes, actions and procedures can be followed to address the situation.

Dust is another air pollutant that can cause grave discomfort among citizens. Sources of fugitive dust include industrial, agricultural and construction activities. To ensure that facilities remain within the accepted norms, the air quality



Dust collector

may request the facility to perform dust fall monitoring to measure the dust fall rate over a 30-day sampling period. The regulated dust fall standards for acceptable residential and non-residential dust fall rates may not be exceeded. The legislated scientific fallout dust collection can quantify and help identify the source of airborne dust particles. Subsequently, following careful analyses of the dust fallout results in relation to site influences, preventative or minimization measures are put in place to prevent or reduce any future pollution.

The third form of air pollution, noise, may come as a surprise to many readers. There are of course certain noises that are louder and considered more problematic than your neighbour's 3am pool party!

Offensive noise is divided in noise nuisance and disturbing noise. Noise nuisance is subjective and means any sound which impairs or may impair the convenience or peace of a reasonable person such as an unamplified human voice or animal noises. A noise disturbance is objective where a measurable decibel reading is taken to access compliance to allowable legal noise limits. Continuous noise from an industry far above the existing ambient noise level could be a disturbance noise.

## Wat ruik so snaaks?

Die Munisipale Gesondheidsdienste van die KWDM is saam met plaaslike munisipaliteite verantwoordelik om, onder andere ons lug veilig te hou. Die Wet op Luggehalte verseker dat ons lug op 'n sekere standaard gehandhaaf word om ons gesondheid te verseker. Lugbesoedeling kom in baie vorme voor; drie hoofvorme is egter tydens 'n onlangse werkswinkel bespreek. Dit is: reuke, stof en geraas. Reuke kan gesondheidsgevaare inhou en wissel in intensiteit na gelang van baie faktore, insluitend weerstoestande. Stof, soos dié wat deur 'n steengroef (Quarry) geskep word, word saam met die produsente gemeet, ontleed en aangespreek. Geraasbesoedeling kan veroorsaak word deur die industrie of (deesdae) kragopwekkers in ver uithoeke van 'n tuin, dit wil sê nader aan die buurman as die eienaar. Ons bedank ons luggehalte beamptes wat seker gemaak het dat ons nog die madeliefies kan ruik en die la-de-da van die hadeda hoor.

Noise control is a local municipal function in terms of Schedule 5B of the Constitution, should there be a offensive noise residents can report it to their local municipality, so that the AQO can investigate the cause.

During the workshop the air quality officers highlighted the problems that generators are causing in residential areas and a lively discussion on ways of encouraging polite generator use ensued. One of the problems is that residents are placing their generators as far as possible from their own homes so that they are not affected by the noise, but this means that it is often situated very close to the neighbour's home. Another problem is that residents put generators in their garage, and although this does reduce the noise, it is dangerous should there not be air circulation from open windows or doors.

The attendees of the workshop shared their experiences and details of how they resolved complicated issues.

So, the next time you find yourself outdoors, hearing the birds, smelling the fresh veld and breathing in clean air, spare a thought for the teams of air quality officers who work hard to keep our air fresh!

## Air Quality Protection:

The **National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act (Act 39 of 2004) (NEM:AQA)** makes provision for several air quality management tools and instruments that are necessary to minimise the amount of pollution that enters the environment.

The **National Dust Control Regulations, promulgated on 1 November 2013 under Regulation R827, section 32 of NEM:AQA states:** "The Minister or the MEC may prescribe measures for the control of dust in specific places or areas, either in general or by specific machinery or in specific instances; steps that must be taken to prevent nuisance dust; or other measures aimed at the control of dust".

Local municipalities designate Noise Control Officers with the necessary competencies under the **Western Cape Noise Control Regulations (PN 200/2013)** to perform noise control functions within their municipal region.

## Ukuphefumla okunye kubalekile

IiNkonzo zeMpilo zikaMasipala wase-CWDM unoxanduva phakathi kwezinto ezininzi kukugcina umoya ukhuselekile. Ukungcoliseka komoya kwahlulwe kwaba zi ndidi ezintathu: Amavumba, uthuli nengxolo. Amavumba angaba yinkathazo kodwa akasoloko eyingozi kwaye aguquguquka kubukhulu ngokuxhomekeke kwiimeko zezozulu. Ubungakanani bothuli buyalinganiswa, bayacalulwa kwaye bulungiswe ngabavelisi. Ungcoliseka lwengxolo kungabangelwa ngamashishini, kukukhonkotha okungapheliyo kwezinja okanye (kule mihla) oomatshini abakhupha kwiikona zegadi, oko kukuthi kufutshane nommelwane kunomnini. Sibulela amagosa obulunga bomoya ngokuqinisekisa ukuba singasesezela iintyatyambo sive nokukhala kweng'ang'ane.

# Road repaired – on a Sunday!

The heavy rainfalls experienced in early February caused havoc on our roads everywhere, but the Theronberg Pass was particularly affected. On Sunday 5 February 2023, the pass was closed as the rains had washed away a section of the road. Our Technical Services team in Witzenberg was informed and Bertus van Wyk, Deputy Director: Roads in Witzenberg and the maintenance team gathered all their equipment, including digger loaders, and made their way to

the damaged area.

After a few hours and a lot of ground moving and effort, this important road between Ceres and Touwsrivier that links to the N1 could reopen to the trucks carrying freshly harvested produce and other goods. And our dedicated Roads staff could get back to their Sunday lunch!

The Executive Mayor, Elna von Schlicht

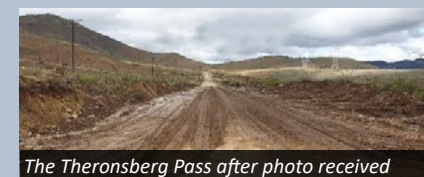
praised the dedication and team work of the team at the council meeting of February stating, "The team that attended to the damaged road were amazing! There was no hesitation in answering the call made by landowners needing to transport harvests, everyone pulled together and made it happen! Even Minister Ivan Meyer called to extend his thanks, please be sure to extend our appreciation to all the staff involved."



Cllr Deon Carinus, Portfolio Holder: Technical Services chats to team members



The Theronberg Pass before photo received from Bertus van Wyk, Deputy Director: Roads Maintenance in Witzenberg



The Theronberg Pass after photo received from Bertus van Wyk, Deputy Director: Roads Maintenance in Witzenberg

## Pad herstel – op 'n Sondag!

Die Theronbergpas moes Sondag 5 Februarie 2023 gesluit word omdat die reën 'n gedeelte van die pad weggespoel het. Bertus van Wyk, Adjunkdirekteur: Paaie in Witzenberg en die onderhoudspan van Tegniese Dienste het al hulle toerusting, insluitend graafmasjiene, opgepak om na die beskadigde gebied om te sien. Ná 'n paar uur van grondverskuiwing en harde werk, kon hierdie belangrike pad tussen Ceres en Touwsrivier heropen en ons toegewyde Paaie-personeel kon hul Sondagmiddagete gaan geniet!

## Ukulungiswa kwendlela- NgeCawe!

NgeCawe ngomhla wesi-5 kweyoMdumba ngowama-2023, iTheronberg Pass iza kovalwa njengeko imvula ikhulise icandelo lendlela. UBertus van Wyk, uMphathi olisekela : lindlela eWitzenberg neqela lokugcina leeNkonzo zoBugcisa liqokelele zonke izixhobo kuquka izinto zokugrumba umhlaba/ukumba nokubona ummandla owonakeleyo. Emva kweeyure ezimbalwa kuqaliswe ukususwa komhlamba nemigudu, le ndlela ibalulekileyo phakathi kweCeres neTouwsrivier ingaphinda ivulwe kwaye istafu sethu sendlela elizinikezeleyo lingabuyela kwisidlo saso sasemini sangeCawe!

# Fire Season

Our Fire Season has been busy!  
This is what it looks like, so far  
**1 Nov 2022 - 28 Feb 2023**



**Fires attended to**  
917



**Air Support**  
169 Hours of Flight  
R8.1 million  
2 395 200 liters of Water



**Fire Fighters**  
51 Permanent  
60 Reservists



**Ground team man hours**  
17 295



**Longest fire:**  
4 Days - Brandvlei



**Shortest fire:**  
20 mins - Watergat



**Fire fighting Vehicles** 33  
Hazmat Vehicles 4  
Service Vehicles 24



*My home, in the Cape Winelands District, is situated close to a natural veld. A wildfire, fuelled by litter, unkept or alien vegetation, can destroy my and many other people's homes. Protect our homes by keeping our wild veld clean and always report a wildfire to 021 887 4446 the nearest authority.*

**#WaarBraaiJy**

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

## THE EFFECT OF WATER POLLUTION ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Did you know? The effect of water pollution on the environment causes a destructive chain reaction in the environment, for example:



### Chemicals, Industrial Effluent, Agricultural Poison and Acid Rain:

1. Decreases the oxygen level in the water.
2. Decreases the pH of the water - water becomes acid.
3. Plant growth, which is food and habitat for micro water animals, dies.
4. Microscopically small water animals (called plankton), and other small water animals like crabs, krill, frogs and fish start to die.
5. Larger fish and land animals like birds and crocodiles start dying.
6. Dead plants / fish / animals start to decompose and rot in die water.
7. Harmful bacteria and organisms causing water borne diseases like Cholera and Bilharzia starts multiplying in the water.
8. Agricultural animals like cattle, pigs and sheep, which drinks the contaminated water, become infested with diseases like tapeworm and start dying.
9. Agricultural crops, which are irrigated with polluted water, carries the pollutants to the crop which causes an inedible end product.
10. Water becomes undrinkable to humans and unsuitable for domestic use.
11. Water can no longer be used for recreational use, agricultural use and drinking purposes.
12. Water pollution has a negative effect on the economy of a country.

### Did you know?

- 1.4 million people die annually and 74 million will have their lives shortened by diseases related to poor water, sanitation and hygiene. (WHO 2022)
- Today, 1 in 4 people – 2 billion people worldwide – lack safe drinking water. (WHO/UNICEF 2021)
- Almost half of the global population – 3.6 billion people – lack safe sanitation. (WHO/UNICEF 2021)
- Globally, 44 per cent of household wastewater is not safely treated. (UN-Water 2021)
- Global water demand (in water withdrawals) is projected to increase by 55 per cent by 2050. (OECD 2012)

## APPLICATIONS FOR CASP FUNDING 2024/25 IS NOW OPEN

Get the **CASP APPLICATION FORM** at your nearest **District Office** or from your **extension practitioners**.

**CLOSING DATE**  
15 May 2023

Any request for assistance should follow the process stipulated and comply with the requirements as stated on the checklist of the application form. Failure to comply with the requirements will automatically disqualify your application.



*I love the wild and exciting trails and hikes available in the unique Cape Winelands District! Wildfires can happen unexpectedly, always tell someone where you are, which trail you will be following and when they can expect you back. If you are camping overnight, remember that you may only make a fire in a designated area, and to extinguish it completely before leaving. Report a wildfire to 021 887 4446 or the nearest authority.*

**#WaarBraaiJy**

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# Saving the planet one bee, keyring and plastic bag at a time

How three small businesses are being the change we want to see in the world.

Since this edition of the Grapevine is our 'green' edition, we looked at some of our local businesses and considered their impact on our environment.

One of the projects of the Local Economic Development unit of the CWDM is the Business Retention and Expansion (BR&E) programme for small, medium and micro-enterprises (SMMEs) who meet certain requirements to apply for support/funding. The call for proposals is advertised annually at the end of September in the newspapers and on our website.

It is always interesting to see which businesses qualify for funding and this year was no different. Among the hairdressers, small farmers, manufacturing and catering businesses, all of whom are passionate about their enterprises, there were three that caught our attention for this edition.

## The Beekeeper

Mr Carel Jacobs has thousands of employees. He also offers free housing and transport as benefits of the job, and his employees make sure that we have food. Together, Carel and his thousands of bees are saving our planet!

At the age of 61, Carel was all ready for retirement in May 2018. However, he soon found that he was a little bored. While chatting to his friend Jefta Prins, he learned about bees and how they were used in the agricultural sector, and by November 2018 Carel had started his business.

Witzenberg is internationally renowned for its fruit and vegetables and is therefore an excellent area for this kind of business. Carel initially started with 10 hives and things were going well until tragedy struck – the hives were vandalised and all the bees flew away. The season was already in full swing and Carel had no hives to offer his clients. Things were looking dire for his bee business.

Through the SMME support programme, he received funding in July 2023 for a large table saw, which enabled him to manufacture his own hives. This season, Carel and his bees have been back in business and he has 20 hives distributed at farms in the area outside Ceres.

A normal day sees Carel and his hives driving out to a farmer where, after discussion, the hives are placed in the orchard or fields that require pollination. Each hectare requires 20 hives to ensure full coverage. Once placed, Carel goes to his workshop that he rents from the local municipality and continues making his hives. He can make about five a month, but says that he needs 100 to be truly effective. Growing the capital to enable him to build more hives is his greatest challenge, but he remains dedicated and positive.

"I love watching the bees work, and am amazed at how they pollinate each flower while collecting the nectar under their little wings, before returning to their hive."

Carel's bees pollinate all kinds of flowers – from peaches and apples to baby marrows and butternuts – each fruit or vegetable is as a result of a hard-working bee!

Carel's Honey is sold to another small business, Jacobs Jam, which started from a dream and is situated in Ceres!



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**Carel Jacobs – 083 489 2860**

## Klein ondernemings om op trots te wees

Die PEO-eenheid van die KWDM nooi jaarliks KMMO's uit om aansoek te doen om ondersteuning en/of befondsing vir hulle ondernemings. Drie van dié besighede wat gekwalifiseer het, het met ons gesels oor hulle ervarings en hoogtepunte. Daar is Carel Jacobs, die byeboer wie se bye help om van die wêreldbekende vrugte- en groentepase

in die Witzenberg te bestuif. Izak McClune van Wolseley versamel herwinbare afval en sy droom is om uit te brei en nóg werkgeleenthede te skep. Chantel Syfers in die Paarl het innoverende maniere gevind om afvalmateriaal in haar besighede te hergebruik wat afval van stortingssterreine herlei en ons pragtige omgewing teen besoedeling beskerm.

## Ukuzingca ngamashishini asafufuzayo

Icandelo le-LED laseCWDM minyaka le imema ii-SMME ukuba zenze isicelo senkxaso kunye/okanye sengxowa-mali ukwandisa urhwebo lwazo. Kwenziwe udlawano-ndlebe namashishini amathathu athe alungela kwaze kwabelwana ngamava nezona ndawo zibalulekileyo nabafundi bethu. Kukho umgcinzi-zinyosi uCarol Jacobs, oonenyosi ezinceda ukumvuzela ezinye zeziqhamo nemifuno zeefama

eWitzenberg ezidume kwihlabathi. U-Izak McClune waseWolseley uqokelela inkunkuma eyenziwa ngokutsha ize iphinde isetyenziswe kwaye iphupha lakhe liyanda laze landula ladala amathuba emisebenzi. UChantel Syfers ufumene iindlela zokuqalisa izinto ezintsha ngokuphinda asebenzise inkunkuma kumashishini akhe ePaarl, apho aphambukisa inkunkuma etipini aze akhusele ummandla wethu omhle kungcoliseko.

## The Waste Manager

Izak McClune of Wolseley is a rubbish collector, but he won't take just any rubbish – his core interest is waste for recycling. Izak started his business in 2021 after learning about recycling and the benefits it holds for the environment.

Izak's business has grown over the last two years and he and his two employees now collect plastic, carton/boxes and tins from businesses, schools and farms in Wolseley, Saron and Gouda.

On an average day, Izak and his team manage to collect about two full bakkie loads of recyclable material. They sort at the point of collection, and then package the waste for delivery to the recycling plant in PA Hamlet.

Izak explains that he has big dreams for his business, and that he is saving towards buying his own second-hand baler that will cost in the region of R60 000. At this stage, he and his team have to flatten the materials by hand before taking it to the collection point, which takes a lot of time and is not as effective. Through the CWDM's funding programme he was able to buy a trailer that is helping him save on petrol costs as he can load more per trip.

When asked about challenges, Izak said, "Like all businesses I worry about cash flow and how to do more. I would like to be able to employ more people. I have a passion for what I do – it's not just about making sure that garbage is collected. I like knowing that what I collect will go back through the process and be used again. I like to keep our community clean."



Contact details:  
**Izak McClune – 083 360 6199**

## The Treasure Creator

The world's natural resources are finite. We all need to do what we can today to protect our natural resources for tomorrow.

"Nothing should be wasted; nothing should be thrown away," motivated Chantel Syfers of CTC Engineering Supplies in Paarl, who finds innovative ways of reusing the off-cuts of the material used in her business. Through these projects she aims to minimise waste and limit the contribution of her business to landfill sites.

Founded by Chantel in 2019, CTC Engineering Supplies provides engineering consumables to a niche market. The materials they use daily are wood, HTP, acrylic and aluminium. Chantel was not oblivious to the amount of waste generated after she had done the required cutting and started to wonder how she could make use of these odd leftover pieces. Her waste-to-treasures projects, starting with earrings from the smallest pieces of offcuts, have now expanded to wooden toys, leather wallets and many other trinkets.

As was the case with so many businesses during the pandemic, Chantel was forced to adapt. She added an upholstery service to her business, realised another source of off-cuts and started a micro-sideline called CTC Creations. This leg of her business creates bespoke items on order, based on the clients' unique ideas, which are personalised with laser engraving and cut from predominately waste material including wood, leather and acrylics.

Material that would otherwise have ended up on the landfill site and contributed to air and water pollution, has now been recreated into hair clips, coasters, key rings, wallets, bracelets, bookmarks, wall clocks, cake toppers and many other trinkets and décor items.

By recycling her offcuts, the environment benefits through the conservation of natural resources and the prevention of pollution that is produced when a raw material is used to make a new product. Chantel also contributes to the economic growth of our communities through job creation. CTC Creations has enabled her to employ two people. Gilmore Siebritz does the upholstery and leather work, and Don-Leigh Abrahams assists with administration and assembly. Toy maker Johan Basson has also been taken under her wing after he lost his own workshop in a fire. CTC Creations gives him space and material so that he can continue making wooden toys from her off-cuts. And if all that isn't enough, Chantel has a programme through which unemployed ladies in Paarl and Montagu become resellers, allowing them to generate an income as well.

Chantel Syfers, a mother of two, is growing her businesses, creating jobs and sustaining the environment for future generations, all by creating treasure (from what would have been waste) through the simple act of recycling.

We applaud SMMEs for making a difference during these tough times and trust they will all prosper and continue to grow so that they create jobs for others and contribute to the economic health of the Cape Winelands.



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# Cleaning up our act!

We hear it all the time... recycle. And yet, every week most of us put out our waste for collection by the municipality. And once we have put the bin or bags out, we give it little thought, which is quite strange really, given the money we spend creating the waste in the first place!

The situation regarding waste in our district is reflective of that found internationally. The majority of the 15 towns in the district have a landfill site, a few have been permanently closed and await rehabilitation, while others continue to grow. Despite efforts to curb waste generation through localised informal recycling, a number of municipal landfill sites have applied for and been granted height extension approval. Height extension is an interim emergency measure and the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEADP) has stated that no licences will be issued to local municipalities for new landfill sites.

The problem starts with each of us, but so does the solution. We need to learn to start the process of reducing our waste in our homes. This is referred to as 'point of origin waste reduction'. Waste reduction is not affiliated to your income; whether we are rich or poor, when we buy meat or tea, it is packaged in material that should be recycled.

We don't always realise that moving waste from homes to the landfill site is very expensive, so if we produce less rubbish, the municipality can spend less on collecting it!

And irrespective of our personal situation, each of us can make the decision to reduce our waste. There are a few challenges though, as we don't always know what to group together, what can be recycled or what to do with the goods once we have sorted them all out.

Remember we also pay for the packaging! One of the easiest ways to start reducing waste is to buy products that are not packaged. Choose loose fruit and vegetables over the pre-packaged ones, glass jars over plastic, re-use your glass jars as storage containers and make sure you always have a reusable shopping bag on you when you shop. And of course, always use a re-usable water bottle!

These are easy steps, but what about in the home? We know that many citizens feel that even if they do recycle, they don't always have the time to take the collected items to a place for recycling. Don't worry. All you need is a little determination and four cardboard boxes or crates and a rubbish bin or bucket with a lid or some kind of cover. Mark the boxes: GLASS; PLASTIC; PAPER; TIN.

Look at the picture below. Cut it out and put it up in your kitchen to help remind you what goes where. Only the items that appear below can be recycled, all other waste needs to be thrown into the bin, or if you have a compost heap all your vegetable peelings can go there, reducing your waste even more!

On refuse collection day, put only the full boxes out next to

PAPER	GLASS	PLASTIC	METAL	NO

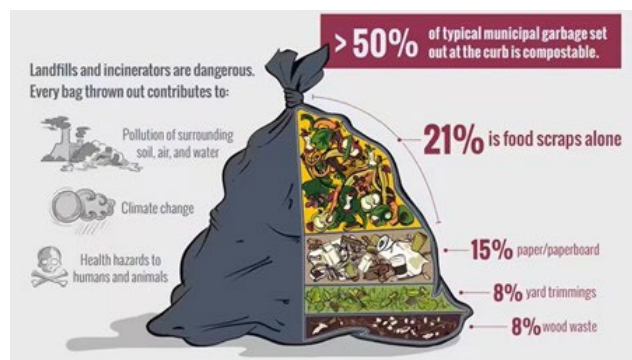
## Skei die kaf van die koring!

Ons hoor dit heeldyd ... herwin. Maar tog plaas die meeste van ons elke week ons vullis uit vir die munisipaliteit om te verwyder. Ons moet leer om die proses van afvalvermindering in ons huise toe te pas, oftewel 'afvalvermindering by die plek van oorsprong'. Een van die maklikste maniere om afval te verminder, is om onverpakte produkte te koop. Andersins is al wat jy buite vasberadenheid nodig het, vier houers wat GLAS; PLASTIEK; PAPIER; BLIK gemerk is. Die herleiding van afval weg van opvulterreine is die minste wat ons vir die omgewing kan doen.

your wheelie bin or bag. Sometimes it may take you more than a week to fill your one or more of your boxes, so wait until the box is full before you put it out for collection. Most of the local municipalities and towns have some form of formal or informal recycling at the landfill site, so either your municipal waste collection or an informal recycler will remove the sorted recyclable waste you put out. If you can, you can even take your collected recyclables to recycling depots yourself.

The next step in reducing the waste we send to the landfill site is for all of us is to start our own compost heaps; these are not as difficult as you may think, and if you fancy growing your own vegetables or starting a community garden, compost is vital!

Look at the image below, it shows how much of our waste can be turned into compost. Imagine how little actual rubbish you would create if you removed all the glass, tins and cans, plastic bottles, cardboard containers and all the



veggie peelings, grass cuttings and leaves before you take out your rubbish on the next collection day – it could be halved!

Now, imagine if everyone halved the amount of rubbish they send to the landfill site, that is a lot of rubbish that will no longer pollute our environment!

Remember that we need to make the changes to ensure that we produce less waste, no one can do that for us. Start today, collect four boxes from your local supermarket, mark them, put them next to your bins and just start from there.

**“There is no such thing as ‘away’. When we throw anything away it must go somewhere.”**  
– Annie Leonard, Proponent of Sustainability

All this may be a little confusing! Here is a list of items that MUST go into your rubbish bin for collection as they cannot be recycled:



Styrofoam (Take Away) boxes



Food Waste, although try not to waste food!



Disposable nappies (Kimbies) etc



Paper towels, serviettes and receipts

## Masicoce inkunkuma yethu!

Siva ngalo lonke ixesha... ukwenza ngokutsha kuze kuphinde kusetyenziswe. Kwiveki yonke abanye bethu babeka inkunkuma yabo ukuba iqokelelwe ngumasipala. Kufuneka sifunde ukuqala inkqubo yokunciphisa inkunkuma kumakhaya ethu, ekwabizwa ukuba 'iyindawo yentsusa yokunciphisa inkunkuma'. Enye yeendlela ezilula kukunciphisa inkunkuma kukuthenga imveliso engenapakethi. Ngenye indlela okufunayo kukumisela nokuphawula izikhongozelo IIGLASI; IIPLASTIKI, IPHEPHA. Ukuphawulisa inkunkuma etipini yeyona nto sinokuyenzela ummandla wethu.

# Mayoral Mondays successfully concluded

In the latter part of 2022, the Executive Mayor, Ald (Dr) Elna von Schlicht, the Mayoral Committee, (MAYCO) and relevant officials commenced with public participation engagements under the theme Mayoral Mondays. These engagements offered all registered businesses, NGOs/NPOs, community organisations and individuals the opportunity to address challenge-specific issues on a one-on-one basis.

Mayoral Mondays took place throughout the district, with the last two being held in Drakenstein and Stellenbosch during February. Attendees could engage directly with the Mayor, a representative from their local municipality and the Municipal Manager, or directly with the division responsible for their project. In a number of cases, attendees didn't need to see the Mayor at all and could be helped by the relevant division. Representatives from 94 organisations across the District made use of the opportunity.

### The top four issues covered:

**1. How do I apply for funding for my SMME?**  
The CWDM's annual call for proposals to access the Grants-in-Aid programme is open for applications from September to October. During this time, a variety of stakeholders such as NGOs, small, medium and micro-sized enterprises (SMMEs) and rural schools can apply for funding. The programme is guided by the municipal Grants-in-Aid Policy, which clearly stipulates that in order to access funding, interested parties are required to submit their proposals for evaluation. The call for proposals is advertised in all local newspapers and on our website and social media platforms.

**2. How do we access appropriate space for the establishment of ECD centres, NGOs and sports forums to operate from?**  
The provision of buildings/infrastructure for use by ECD centres, NGOs and sports forums is a mandate of the relevant local municipality.

**3. How do I request funding for ECD centres, NGOs and sports forums?**  
These entities may also apply for the Grant-in-Aid programme covered in point 1. It is important to note the different closing dates for the submission of proposals. Each funding proposal has its own criteria and interested parties must therefore make sure they carefully read and understand the requirements of the application process. Further information is available on the CWDM website: [www.capewineland.gov.za](http://www.capewineland.gov.za). Click on the 'Call for Proposals' button.

**4. The need for a youth summit**  
The youth of the district is high on the CWDM's list of priorities. In addition to our current youth programmes, additional structured engagements will be prioritised, including a focus on mental health issues among the youth.

Summarising the importance of engaging with our citizens, Mayor Von Schlicht stated, "We know that to remain an effective and meaningful organisation, we must engage with the citizens we serve. Public participation is a vital part of the CWDM's planning, and through engagement we can ascertain what the pain points and challenges in the community are."



## Burgemeester Maandae suksesvol afgehandel

Openbaredeelnamewergaderings onder die tema Burgemeester Maandae is regdeur die distrik gehou waartydens bywoners direk met óf die Burgemeester, 'n verteenwoordiger van die betrokke afdeling van hul plaaslike munisipaliteit of die Munisipale Bestuurder kon skakel. Befondsing vir KMMO's, VKO-sentrums, NRO's en sportforums, ruimte vanwaar bedrywighede kon plaasvind en die behoefte aan 'n jeugberaad was bo-aan die lys van kwessies. Burgemeester Von Schlicht het bevestig dat die KWDM terdeë bewus is van die feit dat gesprekvoering met inwoners uiters belangrik vir die lewering van doeltreffende en sinvolle dienste is.

## Imivulo yeMeya igqitywe ngempumelelo

Ukuthatha inxaxheba yoluntu kubandakanyo phantsi komxhobo weMivulo yeMeya ebanjwa kwilingqi yonke apho abebekhona babe nokubakakanya okuthe ngqo neMeya okanye ummeli osuka kwisahlulo esifanelekileyo sikamasipala wasekhaya okanye umphathi kaMasipala. Ingxowa-mali yeeSMMEs, amaziko e-ECD, si iINGO nendawo yemidlalo, isithuba apho banokusebenza kuso okanye imfuno yeentlanganiso zolutha ibiyimibandela etshis'ibunzi. UMeya uVon Schlicht uqinisekile ukuba iCWDM inengqiqo epehezulu kumba wokokuba ubandakanyo nabemi kubalulekile kulungiselelo lweenkonzo ezisebenzayo nezinentingiselo.

# Cape Winelands hosts International Woman's Cricket Conference

On Sunday, 5 February 2023, ahead of the Women's T20 World Cup, Executive Mayor Ald (Dr) Elna von Schlicht officially welcomed delegates to the Women's Cricket Conference at Laborie Estate in Paarl.

The Mayor stated: "Sport is a very powerful tool for achieving gender equality. We currently see many positive stories around the world and within South Africa, where sport has become a vehicle of hope for our young people. I am especially pleased and proud that the Women's Cricket Conference and three of

the ICC Women's T20 World Cup matches are being hosted in the beautiful Cape Winelands District. We are grateful for the economic boost that these opportunities bring to our district."

The topics covered during the international conference included science, medicine and leadership in women's cricket and were presented by former and current elite players, coaches, professors, physiotherapists, medical doctors and other leaders and experts in the field of women's cricket.



Executive Mayor Ald (Dr) Elna von Schlicht with the speakers at the conference.

**Seated:** Max Jordaan, Prof Benita Olivier, Prudence Palandwa, Prof Christa Janse van Rensburg

**Back row:** Jo Prins, Megyn Robertson, Belinda Clark, Ald (Dr) Elna von Schlicht, Charvi Bhatt (UAE), Prof Candice Christie Franso-Mari Olivier and Dr Rasika Maharaj

## Internasionale Vrouekrieket-Konferensie

Die Vrouekrieket-konferensie is op 5 Februarie 2023 voor die aanvang van die Vroue T20 Wêreldbeker by Laborie Landgoed in die Paarl gehou. Onderwerpe soos wetenskap, geneeskunde en leierskap in vrouekrieket is deur verskeie kundiges in hulle veld aangebied. Uitvoerende Burgemeester Rdh (Dr) Elna von Schlicht het gesê dat sport nie net 'n kragtige instrument ter bereiking van geslagsgelykheid is nie, maar ook 'n voertuig van hoop vir jongmense. Sy het verder haar dankbaarheid uitgespreek vir die ekonomiese hupstoot wat die konferensie en Wêreldbeker-wedstryde na die distrik gebring het.

## Ingungquthela Yebhola Yeqakamba Yasetyhini Yamazwe Ngamazwe

Ingungquthela yebhola yeqakamba yabaseTyhini ibibanjwe ngomhla Nge-5 kaFebruwari 2023 eLaborie Estate ePaarl, phambi komhla weNdebe yeHlabathi ye-T20 yabaseTyhini. Izihloko ebeziqulwe zezenzululawazi, zezamayeza nozobunkokheli kwiqakamba labasetyhini zinikwe zingcali ezahlukeneyo kwizifundo zazo. UMeya Ald (uGq.) Elna von Schlicht uchaze ukuba ezemidlalo ayisoxhobo sinamandla kuphela ekufezekiseni ukulingana kwesini koko yindlela yethemba kubantu abatsha. Ukwavakalise umbulelo kunyuso loqoqosho ethe ingungquthela nemidlalo yeNdebe yeHlabathi yayizisa kule ngingqi.

# Record-breaker



"I feel privileged to pay tribute to Mr Koos Jacobs prior to his retirement after 44 years of service. These are the most service years ever achieved by an employee of our municipality," said the Executive Mayor of the Cape Winelands District Municipality (CWDM), Ald (Dr) Elna von Schlicht, when handing over Mr Jacobs' long-service certificate during the Council meeting held on 23 February 2023 in Worcester.

On 1 February 1979 at the age of 18 years, Mr Jacobs was appointed as Technical Survey Assistant at the former Divisional Council. He was promoted to Technical Assistant in 1983, after which his career progressed to Senior and General Driver in 2014.

He is the father of three children and enjoys cycling, fishing and gardening. "I am grateful for the constant encouragement of my supervisors, and really love my job," he said. Mr Jacobs will keep himself busy with his hobbies, but mentioned that he is slightly apprehensive about life without a purpose for getting up in the morning.

"I wish Mr Jacobs much joy in this second stage of his life!" the Mayor concluded.

## Koos Jacobs oortref alle rekords

Die Uitvoerende Burgemeester van die KWDM, Rdh. (Dr.) Elna von Schlicht, het tydens die Raadsvergadering op 23 Februarie 2023 hulde gebring aan mnr. Koos Jacobs wat ná 44 jaar se diens by die munisipaliteit aftree. "Dit is die langste diensjare wat nog ooit deur 'n werknemer van ons munisipaliteit behaal is," het sy gesê. Mnr. Jacobs is dankbaar vir sy toesighouers wat hom altyd aangemoedig het, en hy was baie lief vir sy werk as senior en algemene drywer.

## UKoos Jacobs, ophule irekhodi lethu

Ngexesha lentlanganisyo yeBhunga ngomhla wama-23 kweyoMdumba ngowama-2023, uMeya wase-CWDM, Ald (uGq.) Elna von Schlicht, uhloniphe uMnu. Koos Jacobs othathe umhlala-phantsi emva kweminyaka engama-44 yokusebenza kumasipala. "Le yiminyaka eyona ephambili yokusebenza ekhe yaphunyenywa ngumsebenzi kamasipala wethu," utshilo. UMnu. Jacobs unikwe umbulelo omkhulu wokukhuthaza okungaguqukiyo kubaphathi bakhe kwaye ebewuthanda umsebenzi wakhe njengomqhubi omkhulu najikelele.

# Welcoming the World

The Cape Winelands invited the world to our neck of the woods by showing off what we have to offer at the ITB Berlin 2023 held from 5 to 7 March. The Cape Winelands District Municipality (CWDM), together with the local tourism association, Visit Stellenbosch, and various stakeholders proudly represented at the South Africa stand.

It may have been snowing in Berlin, but the sun was certainly shining on our stand. The South Africa stand walked away with a top recognition by receiving one of the top three Best

Exhibitor Awards (BEAs) in the Africa category.

The CWDM representatives used the opportunity to have a face-to-face engagement with the South African Ambassador to Germany, His Excellency Ambassador Stone Sizani. The discussion centred on ways of attracting German investors to the Cape Winelands District.

Several introductions were made to possible investors during the weeklong visit to Berlin, Germany.



Back row from left: Rhian van Wyk (CWDM), Lionel Diergaardt (Aquila), Angelo Casu (Vergenoegd Löw), Friedrich Schaefer (The Living Journey Collection) and Jeanneret Momberg (Visit Stellenbosch)

In the front, from left: Pietie Williams (CWDM), Wanda Vlok-Keuler (La Motte), Henry Prins (CWDM) and Blanché Crouse (Boschendal)

## Kaapse Wynland by die ITB Berlyn

Die Kaapse Wynland het met die tentoonstelling van die distrik by die ITB Berlyn wat van 5 tot 7 Maart in Duitsland gehou is, die wêreld na ons geweste uitgenooi. Die plaaslike toerismevereniging, Visit Stellenbosch, en verskeie belanghebbendes het by die KWDM aangesluit en die Suid-Afrika-stalletjie met trots verteenwoordig, en het selfs 'n toekenning ontvang! Waardevolle gesprekke is gevoer om moontlike beleggers na ons streek te lok.

## ICape Winelands e- ITB Berlin

ICape Winelands imeme ihlabathi kwizingqi yethu ngokubonisa ngayo e- ITB Berlin ngowama-2023 iza kubanjwa ukususela ngomhla wesi-5 ukuya kowesi-7 ngeyoKwindla eGermany. Umbutho wokhenketho lwasekhaya, Visit Stellenbosch, nabanye abachaphazelekayo aahlukeneyo bahlangene neCWDM ekuzingceni bokumela uMzantsi Afrika nokuphumelela indondo/ibhaso kule nkqubo! Iingxoxo ezixabisekileyo zibanjiwe ngokuphathelele kubatyali-mali abalindelekileyo kwesi sithili.

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Did you know that most wildfires in the Cape Winelands District occur during the hottest days of summer. On these days, it's not a good day for braai-ing, even when there are facilities available. When we go to the river or park we pack a picnic so that we can enjoy the day safely. Do your part to protect our unique natural environment from wildfires. Report a wildfire to 021 887 4446 or the nearest authority.

#WaarBraaiJy

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

# Kronkie Kiem shares the importance of environmental health and hygiene

The Environmental Health Practitioners of the CWDM's Municipal Health Services (MHS) have the significant task of ensuring that our environment is hygienic and safe.

One of their responsibilities is to create awareness about the importance and benefits of personal hygiene. It is well known that children learn better through play and interaction, and for this reason the MHS team makes use of interactive theatre to convey the message to learners.

The foundation phase learners of Montagu Primary thoroughly enjoyed the CWDM's new interactive puppet show featuring Kronkie Kiem (aka Jerky Germ), Ouma, Stinkie and Stompie. The hall reverberated with laughter and shrieks of delight as story leaders Timmy, Tienkie, Tommy and Themba showed the children why hand washing and personal hygiene are so important.

The interactive puppet show is performed by Jappit Puppets in all three official languages and between ten and twenty shows per local municipality are scheduled for this year.



Tommy leads story time.



An avid and involved audience.



Some of the learners meet the actors.

Back row from left: Eldon van der Merwe (Jappit), Hayley Langley (MHS), Theresa Davids (MHS), Marelize Viljoen (Jappit); CWDM Cllr Xoliswa Mdemka, Jurgen McEwan (Jappit), Johoanice Joseph (MHS), Anoecha Krüger (Jappit), Tersia Booys (MHS), Randall Humphreys (Deputy Director: MHS), Surene Grootboom (MHS). Learners left to right: Ivan Colyn, Eldino Opperman, Noah van Zyl, Carla Swanepoel, Jessica Wiese and Scarlett Alexander

## Kronkie Kiem sê hoekom omgewingsgesondheid en higiëne so belangrik is

Om seker te maak dat ons omgewing higiënies en veilig is, is een van die verantwoordelikhede van die Omgewingsgesondheidspraktisyne van Munisipale Gesondheidsdienste (MGD) om bewustheid te skep oor die belangrikheid en voordele van persoonlike higiëne. Interaktiewe teater dra die boodskap uitstekend oor, en die grondslagfase-leerders by Montagu Laerskool het die nuwe interaktiewe poppekas deur Jappit Puppets terdeë geniet. Tussen tien en twintig vertonings per munisipale area is vir hierdie jaar geskeduleer.

## UKronkie Kiem wabelana ngokubaluleka kwempilo yommandla nococeko

Enye yeemfanelo zeeNgcali zeMpilo yomMandla zeeNkono zeMpilo kaMasipala (MHS) kukuqinisekisa ukuba ummandla wethu ucocekile kwaye ukhuselekile ukwenza ingqiqo malunga nokubaluleka namancedo ococeko lwakho buqu. Iqonga lomboniso wokusebenzisana ithumela imiyalezo efanelekileyo kwaye abafundi besiGaba esisiSeko kwisikolo samabanga aphantsi eMontagu bavuyela umboniso woonopopi wokusebenzisana owenziwa nguJappit Puppets. Kushedyulwe kulo nyaka imiboniso ephakathi kwelishumi nengamashumi amabini kamasipala wasekhaya.

# Accolades for the top achievers

"Like all of you, I waited anxiously to see what the matric results would be. And again, the matriculants of the Cape Winelands District made me proud! Not only have we increased our pass rate from 77,2% to 77,5%, but we are home to the two best matriculants in the country! Thank you for your dedication. You are part of the 8 548 learners who wrote and passed the exams of 2022. I salute your resilience," stated Ald (Dr) Elna von Schlicht, Executive Mayor of the Cape Winelands District Municipality (CWDM).

Every year, the CWDM celebrates the achievements of matriculants with the Top Achievers event hosted by the Mayor in alternating towns – this year it was at the town hall in Ceres. The pandemic meant the municipality had to be creative about hosting the event in 2020, but the matriculants of 2021 and 2022 were able to celebrate in person again.

The Mayor commented on the fact that the class of 2022 had to overcome a number of obstacles. "This group of learners started their critically important school years (Grades 10 and 11) towards

preparing for matric 2022 in unprecedented times. Despite these challenges, they persevered and have proven to be resilient and adaptable in the face of a pandemic that resulted in abnormal schooling and an uncertain future, which were exacerbated by loadshedding that added to an already stressful environment. Notwithstanding, you have made it against all the odds, and I congratulate you!"

The Mayor encouraged the learners to remember the acronym, GRIT, during further studies and as they grow into adulthood. "Be GOAL-orientated – you need not plan every second, but know where you want to be and plan how to get there, and then stick to your plan! Build RESILIENCE – build and care for your support network, and look after yourself. IGNORE negativity – there will always be those that don't want you to succeed, and there are many things that will only lead to failure. Ignore things that distract you from your goal. Be TENACIOUS – work hard, take a little time to have fun too and do that hard too; but build your tenacity and stamina. Being an adult is hard work, you need to be fit, so start now," concluded the Mayor.



## Eerbetoon vir die top presteerders

Die KWDM vier elke jaar die prestasies van matrikulante met die Top Presteerders-geleentheid wat in afwisselende dorpe deur die Burgemeester aangebied word – vanjaar is dit in die Ceres-stadsaal gehou. Uitvoerende Burgemeester Von Schlicht het die leerders geprys vir hulle toewyding, deursettingsvermoë en veerkragtigheid gedurende die ongeëwenaarde pandemiese tyd toe hulle vir matriek-2022 moes voorberei. Sy het hulle aangemoedig om die toekoms met GRIT (goal, resilient, ignore, tenacious) aan te pak – om doelwitgeoriënteerd en veerkragtig te wees, om negatiewiteit te ignoreer en om altyd te volhard.

## Ukunconywa kwabaphulelele phezulu

Kunyaka ngamnye iCWDM ibhiyozela isehlo sempumelelo yabafumene isiqinisekiso sematriki sabaphumelele phambili esibanjwa yimeya kwiidolophu ezahlukeneyo- kulo nyaka besibanjelwe kwihlolo yedolophu yaseCeres. UMeya Von Schlicht uncome abafundi ngokuzimisela, ngokunyamezela nokomelela ngexesha lesifo selizwe jikelele ebesingalindelekanga kwaye wabakhuthaza ukuba bangenele ixesha elizayo ngeGRIT – ukuziqhelanisa nokomelela, bangahoyi okungakhiyo kwaye baqine.

# Reducing School Absenteeism

It is a sad reality that the shortage of access to menstrual support and feminine hygiene products has an adverse impact on school-going girls in our communities. The Cape Winelands District Municipality continues to support the initiative of distributing sanitary towels to schools in the district.

This year, the CWDM departments of Rural and Social Development and Municipal Health Services, together with the provincial departments of Education and Health, identified schools with the highest need of this type of support. Many girls without access to basic sanitary protection stay away from school during menstruation in an effort to avoid an embarrassing accident.

During the handover, Municipal Health Services also presented a talk on personal hygiene at selected schools. Cllr Minnie Petersen (Portfolio Holder: Rural and Social Development) stated: "Access to sanitary towels and education on menstrual hygiene will allow our girls to live comfortably and feel more confident. Through these educational talks we also ensure that the young girls maintain good overall hygiene and stay cognisant of their environment by disposing of the menstrual products correctly."

The CWDM and partners were able to distribute 10 537 packs of sanitary towels to schools across the district. Designated teachers at each school provide access to these products to the girls, who can now uninterruptedly attend school and have a greater chance of reaching their full potential.



## Sanitêre doekie-projek help om afwesigheid te verminder

Dit is 'n hartseer werklikheid dat die tekort aan toegang tot menstruele ondersteuning en vroulike higiëneprodukte 'n nadelige uitwerking op skoolgaande meisies in ons gemeenskappe het, waarvan baie tydens menstruasie wegby van die skool in 'n poging om die verleentheid van 'n glipsie vry te spring. Die KWDM en vennote kon 10 537 pakke sanitêre doekies oorhandig aan skole met die grootste behoefte. Rdl Minnie Petersen (Portefeuljehouer: Landelike en Maatskaplike Ontwikkeling) het gesê dat toegang tot sanitêre doekies en opvoeding oor menstruele higiëne meisies in staat sal stel om gemaklik en meer selfversekerd te voel.

## Iphulo lwetawuli zococeko ezinceda ukunciphisa ukungabikho

Yintlungu eyinyaniso ukunqongophala kokungafikeleli kwinkxaso yokufika exesheni neemveliso zococeko lwezobufazi ezinempembelelo embi kumantombazana asahamba isikolo kuluntu lwethu, apho uninzi luhlala lungayi esikolweni ngexesha lokufika exesheni kwimizamo yokuphepha isehlo sehlo. ICWDM nababambisene nabo babe nakho ukusasaza iipakethi zeetawuli ezingamawaka ali- 10 537. (Uceba Minnie Petersen (obambe isikhundla:UPhuhliso lwezeNtlalo nolwaseMaphandleni) uchaze uuba ufikelelo kwiitawuli zococeko nemfundo yococeko yokufika exesheni ziya kwenza ukuba amantombazana abe nakho ukuziva onwabile kwaye eqiniseke ngakumbi.