

Radio waves attract visitors to the Cape Winelands

The Covid-19 pandemic has had a devastating effect on the hospitality and tourism industry. As part of our function as the regional tourism office, the CWDM was tasked to find ways to help recover some of the losses incurred.

Together with Paarl FM, the Tourism unit launched a comprehensive 'visit local' campaign. The radio station broadcasted live from a few of the towns in our district to showcase some of the best options available to visitors.

Advertisements were also aired on other radio stations such as Heart FM in an effort to boost tourism.

Furthermore, the Communications unit teamed up with the radio station Magic 828 who visited over 20 destinations and attractions. These spaces were then shared via social media platforms, with some wonderful prizes on offer.

Visit Magic 828 and Paarl FM's Facebook pages to have a look at the videos.

The Local Economic Development team is putting together a very special pamphlet that highlights the five top spots in each of the municipal areas, which will soon be available.



Sean Loots of Magic 828 visiting a destination in Paarl.



Paarl FM in Robertson



Comms Unit Out and About with Magic 828

In 'n poging om die toerismesektor te help om van die verwoestende Covid-19-pandemie te herstel, het die KWDM met plaaslike radiostasies, Heart FM en Magic 828 saamgespan om die 'besoek plaaslik'-veldtog te loods. Regstreekse uitsendings is vanaf verskeie bestemmings en aantreklikhede gedoen, en is ook op sosiale media geplaas.

Ngenjongo yoncedo kwicandelo lezokhenketho ekulikhuselani nokulibuyisela kwimo entle kulo bhuhane wehlabathi uyiCOVID-19, iCWDM ihlangene nezitishi zosasazo zasekhaleni ezizezi: Heart FM neMagic 828, ukusungula iphulo elaziwa njenge ('visit local') ('ityelela ekuhlaleni'). Kwenziwe usasazo kwiindawo ngeendawo nemitsalane, izinto ezo neziye zenziwa nakumaqonga ezonxibelelwano.

New Fire Chief for Cape Winelands

The Cape Winelands District Municipality's Fire Services has a new Chief! We congratulate Chief Fire Officer Wayne Josias on his appointment on 1 June 2021.

Mr Josias, or Chief as he will now be known, started his career as a firefighter in 1993 at the City of Cape Town's Fire and Rescue services. While in their employ, Mr Josias completed further studies which enabled him to apply for the position of Deputy Fire Chief at the CWDM in 2006.

Since his appointment at the CWDM, Mr Josias has, among other achievements, established the Cape Winelands Fire Training Academy. The academy has an excellent reputation for training fire personnel across the province, and all qualifications are recognised and accredited.

When asked about his vision for the Fire Services, Mr Josias stated, "Our firefighters, who collectively have hundreds of years of experience, are responsible for saving lives and property. It is a great honour to be entrusted with the job of leading the Cape Winelands District



Wayne Josias
Chief Fire Officer

Municipality's Fire Services. I intend to build on the strong foundation of team work, ongoing training and partnership that is already in place, thus ensuring that together, we will continue to grow in efficiency and remain a sustainable division that strives to deliver high quality services to our citizens."

Die KWDM se Brandweerdienste is trots om die aanstelling van sy nuwe "Chief" vanaf 1 Junie 2021 aan te kondig. Mnr Wayne Josias was sedert 2006 die Adjunkbrandweerhoof en tel die vestiging van die Kaapse Wynland Akademie vir Brandweeropleiding onder sy grootste prestasies. Sy voorneme is om voort te bou op die sterk fondasie van spanwerk, voortdurende opleiding en vennootskap om seker te maak dat inwoners 'n diens van hoë gehalte van hulle Brandweerdienste ontvang.

IiNkonzo zoCimo-mililo zeCWDM ziyazingca ngokwazisa nokubhengeza ukumiselwa kweGosa eliyiNtloko nelaziwa njenge-"Chief" ukususela ngomhla woku-1 kuJuni ka-2021. UMnu. Wayne Josias, ebekade eliSekela Gosa loCimo-mililo ukususela ngo-2006. Ukusekwa kwe-Akhademi yezoQeqesho kuCimo-mililo yaseCWDM, lubalwa njengenye yeempumelelo ezikwinqanaba eliphezulu zakhe. Uzimisele ukwaleka nokwakhela kwesi siseko siluqilima sentsebenziswano, soqeqesho olusoloko luqhubekaka, nobuhlakani, ukuqinisekisa ukuba abemi bazuzo yonkono ekwelona zinga liphezulu, kule Nkonzo yoCimo-mililo.

CWDM supports vaccine roll-out

The Covid-19 vaccine roll-out commenced in the Cape Winelands District on Monday, 24 May 2021.

To support the local Western Cape Health team in setting up and being ready to assist community members, the CWDM's IT unit donated Wi-Fi dongles and five laptops – three for Drakenstein and two for Breede Valley. These tools will help ensure that the vaccination process proceeds in a fast, effortless, and streamlined manner.

Handri Liebenberg, Deputy Director: Comprehensive Health Services expressed her gratitude on behalf of the Cape Winelands District of the WC Department of Health. "We appreciate your generosity and the gesture of support towards the vaccine roll-out. The pandemic has had a great impact on our communities, but with support from role-players like the District Municipality, we are up for the challenge!"



Laptop Donation

Die KWDM het ter ondersteuning van die Covid-19-inentingsproses skootrekenaars en Wi-Fi-dongels aan die Kaapse Wyland-tak van die WK Gesondheidsdepartement geskenk. Hulle het hierdie gebaar oreg waardeer aangesien die toerusting baie sal help om 'n gladde en spoedige proses te verseker.

Ekunikeni inkxaso kwinkqubo yokugonyelwa iCovid-19, iCWDM yenze isipho see-khompuytha ezaziwa njenge-laptop kunye ne-Wi-Fi, kwisebe leCape Winelands leCandelo lezeMpilo le-WC. Sithakazelelwe kakhulu ezi senzo sobubele nanjengo ezi zixhobo ziza kuba luncedo olukhulu ekwenzeni loo msebenzi uqhutywe kakuhle, ngaphandle kwamagingxingxi, nangokukhawuleza.



Nontombi Memela

Abahloli Bezempilo

Ndigenyile, nangona bendikhe ndanayo insholongwane ye COVID-19, ligonyo lukhusela abantu kwaye luhntle! Ukusazeka kwenzalngwane: oko kuthetha okakuba sinokusindisa impilo nemiphemlo yabantu.

"NGOKWENZA NJALO SINGABA NOLUMTU OLUKHUSELEKILEYO NOLUSEMPHLENI EKUHLALENI JIKELELE!"



Walking for Social Justice



Premier Alan Winde, mayor Elna von Schlicht, Professor Thuli Madonsela and Tracy Winde

In acknowledgment of Youth Day, 16 June 2021, Visit Stellenbosch and Dwaarsrivier Tourism, hosted a Social Justice walk, a 16 km route of "hope and healing" from the historical center of Stellenbosch to the beautiful Dwaarsrivier Valley. Professor Thuli Madonsela, Social Justice Chair at Stellenbosch University and Premier of the Western Cape, Alan Winde as well as the CWDM's Executive Mayor, Ald (Dr.) Elna von Schlicht joined the region's key tourism stakeholders on the walk.

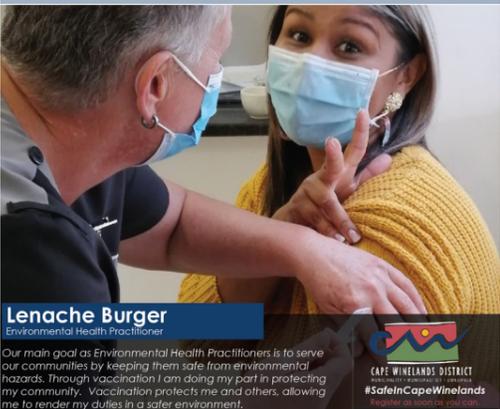
The Social Justice Walk, the first of its kind, connects all communities in the Greater Stellenbosch, bringing hope and the unlocking of tourism potential. Dignitaries and Stellenbosch stakeholders walked the 16 km route from Stellenbosch CBD to Pniel, a former freed slave settlement. The Walk forms one of the early legs of South Africa's 500 km 'Pilgrimage of Hope'

The initiative is funded by the Cape Winelands District Municipality through its Local Economic Development unit. The Executive Mayor, Ald (Dr.) Elna von Schlicht stated, "The CWDM is excited to, in our capacity as Regional Tourism Office and from the perspective of our mandate to find opportunities which stimulate local economic development, be part of this event.

During this walk our wonderful mountains, unique surroundings and rich culture are truly showcased in the best of ways. The route unlocks the diversity of heritage that is to be found not only in this valley, but throughout the Cape Winelands District. The potential for economic development of this project and the possibility that the results can improve the quality of lives of our citizens, makes it exactly the kind of initiative that the CWDM loves to support.

Burgemeester Elna von Schlicht het op Jeugdag by ander hooggeplaastes aangesluit om 'n stapotg vir sosiale geregtigheid mee te maak – 'n 16 km-roete van 'hoop en genesing' – vanaf die historiese middedorp van Stellenbosch tot Pniel in die pragtige Dwaarsriviervallei. Die KWDM is trots om deel van hierdie inisiatief te wees wat nie slegs hoop bring nie, maar ook die potensiaal van toerisme en ekonomiese stimulasie ontsluit.

NgoSuku loLutsha u-Elna von Schlicht wamanyana wadibana nezinye izikhakhamela kuhambo lobulungisa kwezentlalo (social justice walk) – indlela engumgama ali-16 km 'yethemba nempliso' – esuka kwelo ziko lembali laseStellenbosch kusiywa ePniel kulo ntili ibalasele ngobuhle neyaziwa njengeDwaarsrivier Valley. ICWDM iyazingca ngokuba yinxelenye yeli linge nephulo, elingazisi nje ithemba kodwa likwavula namathuba okukhuthaza ezokhenketho nezooqoqosho.



Lenache Burger

Environmental Health Practitioner

Our main goal as Environmental Health Practitioners is to serve our communities by keeping them safe from environmental hazards. Through vaccination I am doing my part in protecting my community. Vaccination protects me and others, allowing me to render my duties in a safer environment.





Mayor's Foreword



Ald (Dr) Elna von Schlicht
Executive Mayor

Dear Citizens

I am sure all of us agree that 2020 and the first half of 2021 will forever be remembered as a time of great upheaval, sadness and uncertainty. During the last financial year, which ran from July 2020 to June 2021, the Cape Winelands District Municipality has also been compelled to respond, adapt and prioritise to ensure service delivery. However, even during the darkest days, there are pockets of light that give us hope, courage and the energy to move forward.

Despite immense challenges the municipality has continued to deliver services in both the mandated and self-funded programmes. Through various partnerships we have managed to assist with economic rejuvenation and stimulation and we have supported local municipalities in their efforts to reduce the effect of the pandemic on citizens. And, did you know, we even supplied mobile ablution facilities to homeless shelters! We contained well over 1 000 fires and performed hundreds of site visits to ensure the safety of our water sources, food services and agricultural packing stores.

The CWDM's divisions have worked closely and tirelessly to promote awareness – not only of how to prevent Covid-19 but also on what to do if one becomes infected. The regulations currently in place and more recently, the importance of vaccination, are constantly communicated to the public.

Ladies and gentlemen, in this last edition of the Grapevine for this financial year, you will find the budget as approved by Council. This budget speaks to our expenditure for the next financial year, starting on 1 July 2021. I invite you to have a look at how we have allocated funding; do remember that we have strived to address the needs as expressed by our citizens.

I am humbled and honoured to serve as the Mayor of the CWDM and bear witness to our employees' dedication to our citizens. This last year has once again showed that the Council and employees of the CWDM hold the citizens of this district deeply in their hearts.

We can change the outcome of the second half of 2021. Adhere to the regulations and register for your vaccination as soon as it's your turn. It is safe, free and easy.

Elna von Schlicht

Die afgelope 16 maande was maande van groot omwenteling, droefheid en onsekerheid, maar ongeag die enorme uitdagings kon die munisipaliteit daarin slaag om steeds dienste vir gemandateerde en selfbefondse programme te lewer. Ons het nou en ongemoeid saamgewerk om bewustheid te skep – oor Covid-19, die regulasies en die belangrikheid van inenting. Burgemeester Von Schlicht is geweldig trots op die KWDM se Raad en administrasie wie se verbintenisse tot die inwoners van ons distrik 'n skitterende voorbeeld is van hoe plaaslike regering sy mense bedien.

Ezi nyanga zili-16 zidlulileyo zibe ziinyanga zesivondoviyane, kuluzi yaye kungeko ngqiniseko yanto kwaphela. Kodwa noxa kunjalo, kukho loo miceli-mingeni mikhulu, umasipala uthe gaqolo ebonelela ngeenkonzo kuzo zombini iinkqubo ezo zingumiseliso nezo zizibonelela ngokwazo ngezimali. Besisebenzisana kunye nangokungadinwa ekuxhaseni ukuqondamalunga nentsholongwane ikhorona (i-COVID-19), imimiselo nokubaluleka kogonyo. USodolophu uVon Schlicht uzingca kakhulu ngolawulo lweBhunga lweCWDM nokuzimisela nokuzinikela kwalo kubemi besithili sethu, nto leyo ingumzekelo oqaqambileyo wendlela umasipala akhonza ngayo abantu bakhe.

Municipal Manager's Foreword



Henry Prins
Municipal Manager

Dear Citizens

The challenges of the last 16 months have often reminded me of that old quote, 'We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust the sails'. It is with a deep sense of pride in our employees and the organisation that we share this final edition of the Grapevine for the 2020/2021 financial year.

The stories in these pages share some of our activities and show how we have adjusted our sails to the benefit of our residents. Through collaboration we engaged with citizens in the agricultural sector, hosted a virtual business breakfast and donated laptops to WC Health's Cape Winelands office to assist with the registration of residents so that they can receive the Covid-19 vaccine.

We assisted those who look after the elderly and severely physically disabled children by donating diapers, and helped teachers keep young women at school through our sanitary towel distribution programme.

Through our partnership with SALGA we were

Die Munisipale Bestuurder van die KWDM, Henry Prins, gee 'n opsomming van die talle pogings deur die munisipaliteit om die rampspoedige gevolge van die pandemie te versag en te oorleef. As die kaptein van die skip wat sy passasiers veilig deur die storm moet lei, doen hy 'n sterk beroep op alle inwoners wat vir inenting in aanmerking kom (op hierdie stadium persone ouer as 60) om te registreer en hulle inenting te kry.

Agricultural workers vaccinated

The MEC for Agriculture, Minister Ivan Meyer, and Executive Mayor of the Cape Winelands District Municipality, Ald (Dr) Elna von Schlicht, visited Ceres Hospital's Covid-19 vaccination site to witness the first round of vaccinations for agricultural workers over the age of 60.

The Mayor, who received her first dose of the vaccination a few weeks ago, shared with

Minister Ivan Meyer, LUR vir Landbou en Burgemeester Elna von Schlicht het die Covid-19 inentingsterrein op Ceres besoek, waar plaaswerkers ouer as 60 jaar hulle lewensbelangrike inentings ontvang het. Die Burgemeester het vertel hoe verlig sy was nadat sy haar entstof ontvang het en het beklemtoon hoe belangrik dit is om beskerming en fiksheid vir werk te verseker.

CWDM receives PPE for SMMEs from SALGA

The Executive Mayor of the CWDM, Ald (Dr) Elna von Schlicht, accepted the handover of masks, sanitisers and face shields from SALGA on behalf of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Cllr Carl Kyles, SALGA PEC, stated, "Covid-19 has left no one untouched. Many informal traders and small businesses simply do not have the resources with which to purchase suitable PPE. We do not always appreciate the fact that for many households the income from a fruit and vegetable stall is the only income generated. These businesses simply cannot afford not to trade." Through the partnership between SALGA and the UNDP, the CWDM was able to receive and forward 1 000 masks and bottles of sanitiser and 500 clear face shields to local municipalities for distribution to informal traders.

"Ensuring that we are all protected is both a collective and individual responsibility. We are extremely grateful to receive these items for distribution to the local municipalities. The CWDM is doing everything we can to ensure that our businesses are ready for clients and tourists to

able to distribute Covid-19 compliance kits to small businesses and informal traders throughout the district. The kits contained sanitiser, masks for employees and information on the importance of compliance, and this enabled many micro businesses to remain open.

Our partnership with Santam continues to go from strength to strength. Earlier this year a youth development centre was opened in De Doorns, which will help youth in the area develop productive lifestyles. Plans for the extension of successful projects such as the Disaster Ready! campaign are well under way.

Our Technical Department, who is responsible for the safety on our rural roads, distributed reflective caps to school-going children to make them more visible en route to school.

In these pages you will also find examples of our Covid-19 awareness and vaccination promotion campaigns. We hope that you heard our adverts on the local and a few of the provincial radio stations.

One of the more exciting projects that is currently under way is the development of a regional landfill site, which aims to reduce the burden of waste on our district, create much needed jobs and ultimately make our communities greener, cleaner and safer. This project has a long implementation period, but we are working with all the role-players to ensure that the necessary procedures are followed.

Friends, we truly cannot predict the winds of change. We can, however, make sure our ship is always in a good sailing condition and that we are ready to face the challenges ahead. It takes a team of dedicated 'sailors' to ensure the safety of passengers – our 'ship' is our district. With this and the safety of our citizens in mind, I urge you to register for the vaccine. Even better, help others register for the vaccine and if you are able, offer a lift to the vaccine venue to a neighbour or colleague who does not have transport. A safe and healthy community is a prosperous community.

Stay safe, look after each other.

Henry Prins

UMphathi kaMasipala weCWDM, uHenry Prins, ushwankathela amalinge kamasipala okuthomalalisa nokuphila, kwanokusinda kwiimpembelelo zentlekele yalo mbulalazwe. Njengomphathi wenqanawe nekufuneka aqinisekise ukukhuseleka kwabakhweli, ngethuba loqhwithelo, umemela kabukhali abemi abalufaneleyo ugonyo (okwakaloku nje aabo bangaphezulu kweinyaka engama-60 bezelwe) ukuba babhalisele ukuzuzisa ugonyo lwabo.

the agricultural workers how relieved she was after receiving the first dose and said, "Through immunisation we can protect our loved ones and make sure that we are fit and healthy to work."

The Witzenberg agricultural sector employs a huge number of permanent and seasonal staff to assist in harvesting the export fruit that the area is so well-known for.

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our area and that their staff are protected too!" stated the Mayor at the handover event.

SALGA, namens die Verenigde Nasies Ontwikkelingsprogram (UNDP), het persoonlike beskermende toerusting (PPE) aan die KWDM oorhandig vir verspreiding na die plaaslike munisipaliteite. Die maskers, gesigskerms en ontsmetmiddel is bestem vir informele handelaars om hulle te help om die Covid-19 regulasies na te kom – as hulle nie PPE het nie, mag hulle nie handel dryf nie, en as hulle nie handel kan dryf nie, kan hulle nie aan hul gesinne voorsien nie.

I-SALGA, egameni leNkqubo yezoPhuhliso yaMazwe aManyeneyo eHlabathi (iUNDP), inikeze ngempahla yokhuseleko eyaziwa njenge-PPE, kwiCWDM ukuze kwabelwe oomasipala basekuhlaleni. Iimaski, izikhuselelo zobuso kunye nezibulalantsholongwane ezilungiselelwe abaqhuba ezorhwebo abasesetratweni (informal traders), ngenjongo yokubanceda bathobelele imiqathango yeCOVID-19 – xa bengenazo iimpahla zokuzikhusela, iPEPE, ke ukutsho, abanakukwazi ukushishina, yaye xa bengenakwazi ukushishina, abangekwazi ukubonelela nokondla iintsapho neefemeli zabo.

Safely to School Programme

The Cape Winelands District Municipality (CWDM) annually invests in a districtwide A-Z Safely to School programme. The Technical Services Department coordinates the programme activities to ensure that our school-going children, especially in the rural areas, can get to school as safely as possible.

Winter means longer nights and shorter days, and often dark days when the clouds are overhead. Many learners therefore start their journey to school in darkness, either walking to a bus stop or all the way to school, which places them at high risk of injury or a worse fate.

In an effort to prevent accidents and reduce the risk to learners and drivers, the CWDM distributed reflective peak caps to learners in the Breede Valley and Langeberg areas to ensure they are visible when walking along the road.

Cllr Deon Carinus and Cllr Palesa Ramokhabi of the CWDM visited four schools: Lorraine NGK Primary School, Weltevrede NGK Primary School, Rawsonville Primary School and Siyafuneka Primary School and distributed 1 000 peak caps to learners.

Always be aware of pedestrians when travelling in the dark – children are especially vulnerable as they are smaller and their uniforms are often dark in colour.



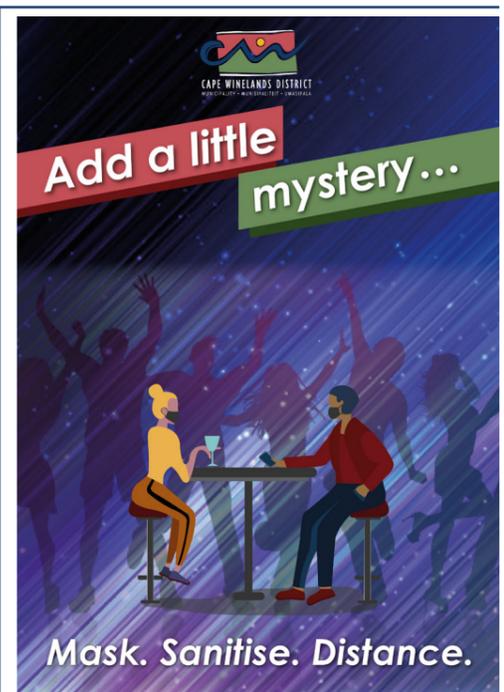
Siyafuneka Primary School

Skoolleerlinge is veral kwesbaar wanneer hulle skool toe moet gaan in die wintermaande, wanneer sigbaarheid beperk is. Die KWDM het 1 000 reflekerende pette aan skole in die distrik geskenk om by te dra tot die pogings van die A-Z Veilig Skooltoe-program.

Abafundi ngabona kanye basemngciphekweni wokwenzakala xa besiya esikolweni, ngeenyanga zobusika xa bengaboni kakuhle kuba kumnyama. ICWDM ibonelele ngesipho seekephusi ezikhanyisayo (reflective peak caps) ezili-1000 ezikolweni kwisithili, kwiinzame zokuncedisa kwiphulo lezoKhuseleko nelaziwa njenge- A-Z Safely programme.



Mayor Von Schlicht and Minister Meyer chat with Dr Elton Titus, Manager: Medical Services, Witzenberg.



Mask. Sanitise. Distance.



CWDM's helping girls attend school

The difficult economic situation in which many people finds themselves also means that many of our school going girls do not have access to sanitary towels. The Cape Winelands District Municipality (CWDM) answers this call for assistance through the distribution of sanitary towels to schools identified by the Western Cape Departments of Education and Health throughout the District.

Each year, many adolescent girls lose countless days of education as they opt to stay at home during their periods, rather than risk an embarrassing situation due to the lack of sanitary towels. It is truly sad that many girls are forced to use other alternatives to sanitary pads, such as wads of rolled up toilet paper or newspaper; or to

use a pad for longer than the recommended time.

This year CWDM and their partners were able to distribute 9 500 packs of sanitary towels to 30 schools across the district. This project ensures that girls can access sanitary pads from a designated teacher at school and thus avoid embarrassing slips as well as promoting hygienic practices.

This project remains imperative to the girls of the District, by providing the sanitary towels, the CWDM is helping to ensure that no girl needs to miss out on the opportunity of an education.



Die haglike sosio-ekonomiese toestande in ons land het ook 'n impak op die basiese behoeftes aan sanitêre doekies. In 'n poging om seker te maak dat skooldogters nie 'n enkele skooldag misloop weens 'n tekort aan hierdie produkte nie, het die KWDM duisende pakke sanitêre doekies aan skole regoor die distrik geskenk.

limeko kweNtlalo noQoqosho ezimaxongo nezimi kakubi kwilizwe lethu ziye zanegalelo nakwimfuneko yokubonelela ngezishubelo zasexesheni. Ngelinge lokwenza ukuba kungabikho mntwana oyintombazana ohamba isikolo uphoswa nalusuku olunye lwesikolo kuba engenayo le mpahla, iCWDM inikeze njenegsiph o ipaki zezishubelo zasexesheni ezingamawaka-waka ezikolweni kwisithili sonke.

Firefighting training for Correctional Services

The Training Academy of the CWDM's Fire Services was established not only to ensure that our own firefighters and reservists are fully trained to deal with the specialised environment in which they operate, but also to offer training to external organisations.

One such organisation that needed its staff to be fire-ready, is Correctional Services. The men and women working in these institutions are faced with the real threat of fires breaking out – given

the confined spaces in which many inmates are housed, as well as the risk of violent behaviour that may result in arson.

The group from Drakenstein Correctional Facility said they had found the training of great value and that the facilitator Mr Louw made them fully aware of the reality of fire risk. Now that they had acquired the necessary skills, they felt more comfortable to face any incidences of fire.



Benewens die opleiding van die KWDM se eie brandbesteders, bied die Opleidingsakademie van Brandweerdienste hierdie diens ook aan eksterne organisasies. Personeel van die Drakenstein Korrektiewe Fasiliteit het die opleiding bygewoon en het dit baie waardevol gevind, aangesien hulle nou toegerus is met die vaardighede om enige voorvalle by hulle fasiliteit te hanteer.

Ukongeza ekuqeqesheni abacimi-mililo abongezezelekileyo be- CWDM, iSikolo seMfundo soCimo -milillo seeNkonzo zoCimo-milillo (Fire Services Training Academy) sinikeza ngale nkonzo nakwimibutho yangaphandle. Abasebenzi bezoNcedo kwezeNtlongo nabo baye beza kolu qeqesho, balufumana luluncedo olukhulu, najengoko kungoku, bexhotyiswe ngezakhono zokujongana nayo nayiphina imiceli-mingeni ekumila kunje kwicandelo labo.

MEC Ivan Meyer engages with CWD Farmers

The Executive Mayor, Ald (Dr) Elna von Schlicht, often emphasises the important role and economic impact of the agricultural sector in our district. We are all aware of the serious consequences of the pandemic on many sectors of the economy, but many may be surprised to hear that the agricultural sector has suffered too!

At the request of our Mayor, the Western Cape MEC for Agriculture, Minister Ivan Meyer, has

undertaken several visits to the Cape Winelands to engage with farmers. These engagements took place throughout the district. The events were well attended by commercial, medium and micro farmers.

The discussions and questions centred mostly on the creation of opportunities for the growing export market and the development of local markets.

Minister Ivan Meyer, die Wes-Kaapse LUR vir Landbou, het besoek afgelê by boere in die Kaapse Wynland om vertrou te kweek in 'n sektor wat ook die verwoesting van die pandemie ervaar. Die uitbreiding van die uitvoermark en die ontwikkeling van plaaslike markte was die hoofonderwerpe onder bespreking.

UMphathiswa u-Ivan Meyer, weNtshona-Koloni, nonguMphathiswa wezolimo, ebesoloko etyelela amafama aseCape Winelands, ebethelela ukuzithemba kwicandelo nalo eliziva lonakele, litshabalele ngulo mbulala-zwe. Ukwanda kwemarike ethumela kwamanye amazwe angaphandle nophuhliso lweemarike zeli, zezona zinto kuxoxwe ngazo.

Business Breakfast held virtually

On Thursday, 22 April 2021, Executive Mayor Ald (Dr) Elna von Schlicht hosted a Mayoral Business Breakfast under the theme "Road Freight to Rail Initiative". This year, the breakfast was a virtual affair attended by members of the business and agricultural sectors.

This platform for partnerships and collaboration discussed the various rail freight options and opportunities available to the district. The rejuvenation of our rail system aims to alleviate congestion on the road network. For this initiative, the CWDM is partnering with the Department of Transport and Public Work's Freight Unit who is working with various public and private stakeholders to facilitate the reactivation of our rail networks.

Die 2021 Burgemeester Sake-ontbyt het vanjaar virtueel plaasgevind en gesprekvoering het gegaan oor die moontlikheid om opeenhoping op ons paaie te verlig deur vrag eerder per spoor te vervoer. Die KWDM werk in vennootskap met die Departement van Vervoer en Openbare Werke om die reaktivering van die land se spoornetwerk te fasiliteer.

Ibrakfesi kaSodolophu yezoShishino ka-2021 (2021 Mayoral Business Breakfast), iye yenziwa kulo nyaka, kusetyenziswa ubuxhaka-xhaka bale mihla (virtually), yaye ingxoxo ibingqamene malunga nokuzama ukuphungula ukuxinana ezindleleni zethu ngokuthutha imithwalo kusetyenziswa iitreyini ezihamba esiporweni. ICWDM isebenzisana neSebe lezoThutho nemiSebenzi yakwaRhulumente, ukwenza ziphinde zisebenze ezehambo ngololiwe.



CWDM provides diapers

With the assistance of the provincial departments of Social Development and Health, the Cape Winelands District Municipality's (CWDM's) Community Development and Planning Services Department annually identifies centres for the elderly and the disabled in the district in order to provide them with diapers. A total of 1 333 packs of these products were donated to 19 institutions

during this financial year.

The CWDM recognises the value and knowledge that the elderly has to offer and has empathy for the difficulties that those with disabilities experience. We host this project to help ensure that these vulnerable members of our community can live in dignity.



Pictured at the handover in Witzenberg are (left to right): Myrtle Benjamin (Project Manager, CWDM) Andeline Coetze (Vrolike Vinkies), Louis Martin (Huis PJP Strauss), Ald John Schuurman (Witzenberg Municipality), Cllr Palesa Ramokhabi (CWDM), Cllr Dirk Swart (Deputy Mayor, CWDM) and Ria Prins (Huis Maude Kriel).

Die KWDM het die behoefte aan luiers onder van die kwesbaarste lede van die gemeenskap geïdentifiseer, veral bejaardes en gestremdes. As 'n bydrae tot hulle versorging en lewensgehalte, is altesaam 1 333 pakke luiers gedurende die finansiële jaar aan 19 instansies geskenk.

ICWDM ichonge yaqaphela imfuneko kwaabo basesichengeni kakhulu, ingakumbi abantu abadala aboluphelelyo kwakunye nabakhubazekileyo. Ngenjongo yokunikeza nokubonelela ukuphucula izinga lobomi babo kukonke i-1 333 leepaki zama-napkeni njengesiph o kumaziko ali-19 kulo nyaka-mali.

FUN FACTS:

1. The Cape Winelands District is the biggest exporter of soft fruit in the Southern Hemisphere.
2. Due to the growing appetite for citrus fruit, many farmers are replacing grapes with citrus.



2021/2022 BUDGET

It is under very uncertain conditions that the Cape Winelands District Municipality prepared a draft budget for the 2021/2022 financial year. As is the case with all businesses, the full impact and duration of the Covid-19 pandemic are still uncertain. Even so, it is vital that municipalities plan for financial viability and improved service delivery, while still ensuring that we operate in a financially responsible manner.

The municipality also had to adjust the process of public participation. Under normal circumstances, the various community organisations meet with the municipality in person, but the pandemic and the regulations meant that an innovative

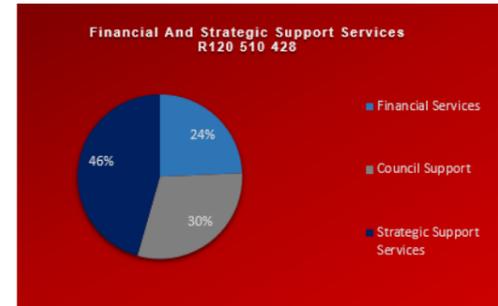
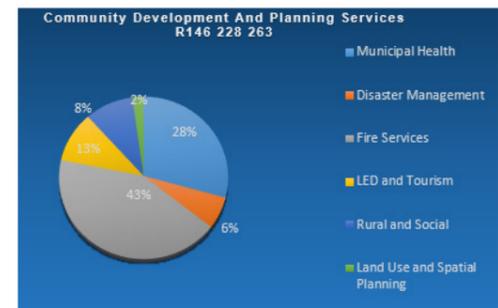
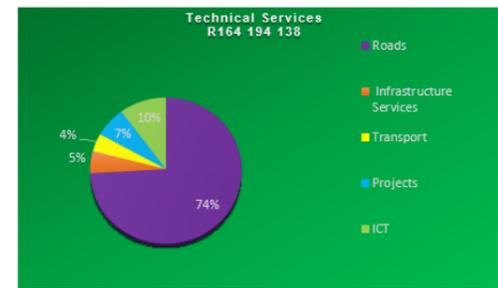
method had to be found to ensure that the input of communities was received and, where possible, implemented in a fair and transparent way. Engagements took place on a variety of platforms, including radio broadcasts and social media, to offer the public the opportunity to submit their inputs either electronically or through the traditional hard copy submissions.

With the local elections planned for 27 October 2021, it is important to note that this will be the last draft budget to be approved in the current political term.

During her budget speech, the CWDM's Executive

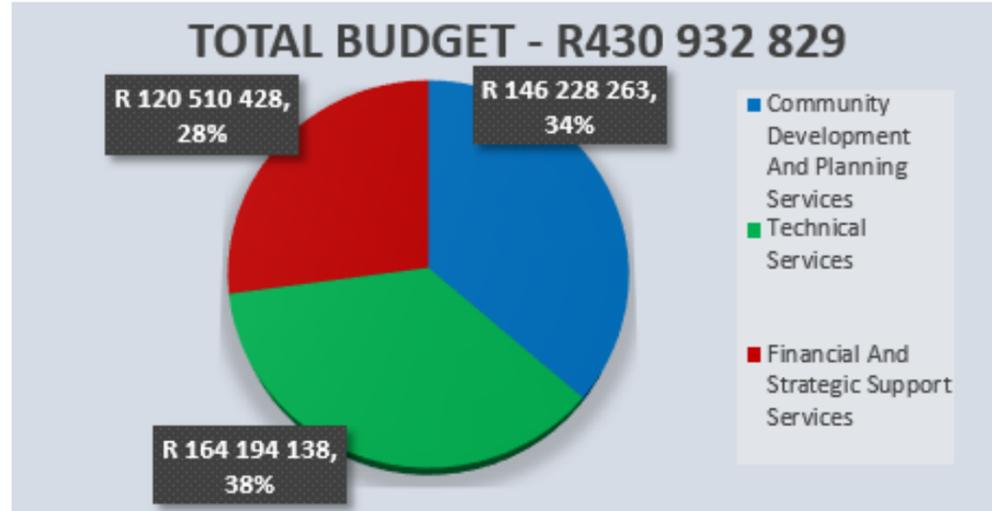
Mayor, Ald (Dr) Elna von Schlicht, stated, "This is a credible budget compiled under exceptionally challenging circumstances. The Cape Winelands District Municipality must continue to deliver mandated services that are of a high standard and have made a strategic decision to continue with our social and rural development projects, which deserve the best support that we can offer. The new budget will commence on 1 July 2021 and clearly shows the Cape Winelands District Municipality's commitment to empowerment, hope and economic recovery."

The budget for the 2021/2022 financial year is made up as follows:



Die 2021/2022-begroting van die KWDM, wat onder uitdagende en aangepaste omstandighede saamgestel is, is finansiële lewensvatbaar en verseker dat dienste van 'n hoë gehalte steeds aan ons inwoners gelewer word, met 'n fokus op sosiale en landelike ontwikkelingsprojekte.

Uhlahlo lwabiwo-mali lowama-2021/2022 lweCWDM, oluqulunqwe phantsi kweemeko ezinomngeni nezilungisiweyo, eziphilileyo ngokwasezimilini yaye luqinisekisa ngokunikizelwa okuqhubekayo kweenkonzo ezikumngangatho ophezulu kubemi bethu, kugxilwe ngamandla kwiiprojekti zophuhliso lwentlalo namaphandle.



Prepare for Winter

With winter upon us, we can expect many cold, wet and windy days and nights as cold fronts arrive in the Western Cape. Winter brings the picturesque white-capped mountains our district is famous for, but it means extremely cold days and nights. The constant threat of load shedding adds another dimension to our winter and everyone should prepare for this.

In order to keep you and your loved ones safe this winter while contending with load shedding, you should:

- Keep an eye on social media or listen to the radio about when load shedding may occur. Keep a copy of your area's load shedding schedule handy so you are able to prepare in advance for when your electricity may be off. This will prevent you from fumbling around in the dark.
- Ensure that you have emergency lighting for your house. If you use candles, please make sure they are in a sturdy candle holder or glass jar (filled with sand). Keep candles out of reach of children and place them away from curtains, bed linen, etc. that might catch alight easily. Even better, invest in a rechargeable light that you keep fully charged at all times.
- When your electricity goes off, make sure all your electrical appliances are switched off at the wall or unplugged. This will not only save them from damage due to power surges, but you might forget that the oven or a stove plate was on and this will pose a safety hazard.
- If you are using a gas or paraffin stove for cooking, make sure they are placed on a firm, flat surface at least one metre from anything flammable. Remember to keep a window or door open to allow for good ventilation to prevent the buildup of dangerous gases.

Winter is hier en ons moet waak teen risiko's soos brand, oorstroming en blootstelling aan uiterste temperatuur. 'n Paar nuttige wenke:

- **Beurkrag:** Wees bewus van die skedule en tref voorbereidings vir (veilige) beligting soos stewige kerse. Skakel toebehoere af. Indien bekostigbare, koop 'n herlaaibare lamp.
- **Gas- en paraffientoebehoere:** Plaas op 'n ferm, plat oppervlak, weg van vlambare voorwerpe soos gordyne en beddegoed. Moet nooit

- During the cold winter days and nights, if you are using a gas or paraffin heater, never leave it unattended and make sure that there is good ventilation in the room. Check that the heater is placed at least one metre away from anything that can catch fire. Never leave a gas or paraffin heater on when you go to bed or leave the house.

When weather warnings are issued ahead of extreme weather, take the time to prepare your family and your house:

- Make sure your roof is waterproof and free of any leaks.
- Clear out gutters, drains and stormwater channels around your house to ensure that water can drain away safely.
- If strong winds are predicted, make sure that all outside furniture, pot plants, tools, etc. are secure and safeguarded.

When warnings are issued for extremely cold temperatures, heavy rainfall, gale force winds, here are a few tips:

- Make sure you are dressed warmly when going to work, school or even to bed. Temperatures can plummet fast and layered clothing will keep you warm.
- Make sure you have a raincoat and umbrella, especially if you make use of public transport or must walk to school, work or the shops. In addition to keeping you dry, it will ensure you don't lose body heat by wearing wet clothes.
- Bring your pets inside on cold, wet nights. Remember they are part of your family and get cold too.
- Never cross a flooded river either by car or foot. 15cm of fast-flowing water can sweep you off your feet and half a metre of water can wash a car away.

alleen laat nie en skakel saans af, ook as jy die huis verlaat. Sorg dat daar belugting is.

- **Erge weerstoestande:** Maak seker jou dak is waterbestand en lekkasie-vry. Maak geute en dreine skoon. Trek warm aan, in lae as jy kan, want die kwik daal vinnig. Hou jou troeteldiere binne, hulle kry net so koud soos jy. En moet nooit, ooit 'n vloeiende rivier probeer oorstek nie – nie per motor nie en nie per voet nie.

manzi. Coca imijelo ehamba amanzi (ii-gutter) ngaphakathi. Nxiba shushu ngokufudumeleyo, wambathe ukuba uyakwazi, ukulungiselela ukuhla kwamaqondo obushushu ngokukhawuleza, nangesaqophe. Zigcine Phakathi endlwini izilo-qabane (pets), ikati nezinja. Nazo ziyayiva inga qele njengawe. Ungaze uwele umlambo uzele- nokuba ngenqwelo okanye ngeenyawo.



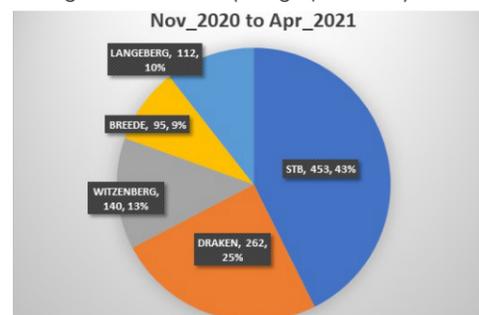
Veld fire season draws to a close

Summer in the Cape Winelands is all about beating the heat. Houses are closed up against the sun, hikers and bikers get out early in the morning and finish before the heat settles in and farmers race against time to get their harvests in on time. Not to mention the feeling of cool grass under one's bare feet.

On the other hand, for the Cape Winelands District Municipality's Fire Services the summer months mean battling against a heat of a different kind – fighting fires. The period from 1 November to 30 April is known as fire season in the wildfire and veldfire circles. Veldfires are a persistent problem in our district that stretches over an area of 23 000 km². They often cause emergencies and at times develop into fires that have potentially disastrous outcomes.

However, it is important to note that veldfires are natural as they occur as part of the normal process of events in wildland and fynbos, and even sometimes in natural forests. They have occurred since time immemorial, caused naturally by lightning and, in the Cape mountains, by falling rocks that can cause sparks. But these natural veldfires are a problem, because they pose a risk to life, property and the environment. The closer humans move into natural spaces, the more vulnerable we become to exposing ourselves to the dangers of fire. Although mankind has been using fire for eons, the increase in population has significantly increased the risks associated with fire – human interaction is the cause of 93% of wildfires.

During the past fire season, the CWDM's Fire Services responded to 1 117 fire incidents throughout the district (see graph below).



Die brandseisoen in die Kaapse Wynland het in April tot 'n einde gekom. Uit die 1 117 brande wat aangemeld is, sal die Jonkershoek-brand as die langste en mees uitdagende een onthou word. Hoewel dit vir agt dae gewoed en 14 000 ha plantegroei vernietig het, is nie 'n enkele lewe of eiendom verloor nie – alles te danke aan die ongelooftlike pogings en onveriddelike harde werk van die dapper brandbestryders. Die KWDM se Brandweerdienste, Cape Nature en die Brandbeskermingsvereniging gebruik die wintermaande om kwessies soos klimaatverandering, voorbrande en die wegruiming van plantegroei te hanteer.

Some of these fires were easily managed and took only a few hours or a day or two to bring under control. But not the Jonkershoek fire. On 23 February 2021, this monster invaded our district from the Overberg side of the mountain and stretched resources to the limit while it raged for eight days.

The fire burned through 14 000 ha of mixed indigenous and alien vegetation and when it was at its worst, the firefighters and ground crews were 236 strong, assisted by 26 firefighting vehicles. A total of 14 partner organisations were involved in fighting the blaze that threatened property, orchards and lives. The aerial support teams flew a total of 90,4 hours, dropping 1 722 180 litres of water.

It was with sadness that we learned that two of the CapeNature field officers sustained injuries that required their hospitalisation. Despite the hot, windy weather that hampered firefighting activities, there were no further injuries and only a few vineyards were damaged. The fact that this potentially catastrophic fire caused zero loss of life or livelihood, is testimony to the incredible teamwork and efforts of all involved.

In the post-season period, we look at the lessons learned and address any challenges we experienced. Cape Nature and the CWDM Fire Services work together to better understand the biodiversity of our veld and the effect that climate change has on our ecosystem. Together with the Fire Protection Agency (FPA), landowners are assisted to address issues such as the maintenance of fire breaks, the removal of excessive fuel loads around structures and adequate clearing of vegetation. The FPA is also the authority from which landowners can acquire the required permits to perform controlled burns.



Ixesha lemililo eCape Winelands liye lafikelela ekupheleni, ngenyanga ka-Apreli. Kwimililo eli-1 117 echaziweyo, umlilo odaleke eJonkershoek, uya kukhunjulwa njengowona mlilo othabathe elona lide ithuba, nongowona ubungumceli mngeni omkhulu. Nakubeni wavutha iintsuku ezisibhozo waza watshabalalisa utyani olungama-14 000 ee-hektare, akukho nomnye umphefumlo osutweye kukufa okanye ipropati etshabaleleyo – konke oku kusenziwa zizame ezingathethekiyo nosomebenzi omkhulu ongatyhafiyo wamagorha angabamicimi-mililo. Iinkonzo zeeMililo zeCWDM, ezenalalo zeKapa ne-Arhente yoKhuseleko kwiMililo, zonke zisebenzise iinyanga zobusika ukuqwalasela imiba efana nokutshintsha kwemozulu, ukwakha izithinteli zokunwenwa komlilo nokususa utyani.

NEVER Cross a fast-flowing river. Leave a candle, paraffin or gas lamp/heater unattended.

