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Die Noordhoek Biblioteek is op 15 Februarie 2022 amptelik geopen. Hier (van links) is Wes-Kaap se Minister van Kultuursake en Sport, Mev. Anroux Marais, Me. Orlean Erasmus (Senior Biblioteek Assistent), Premier Alan Winde, Rdl. Audrey Small (Wyksraadslid) en Uitvoerende Burgemeester Rdh. Ray van Rooy. Ons dien met trots!

NOORDHOEK BIBLIOTEEK AMPTELIK GEOPEN

Deur Matthew Sheldon

Die Uitvoerende Burgemeester van Bergrivier Munisipaliteit, Rdh. Ray van Rooy, tesame met die Premier van die Wes-Kaap Alan Winde, en die Wes-Kaap se Minister van Kultuursake en Sport, Anroux Marais, het die opgeknakte Noordhoek Biblioteek op Dinsdag, 15 Februarie 2022, amptelik geopen.

'n Bedrag van R1,4 miljoen is gespandeer op hierdie biblioteek in Noordhoek, Velddrif, om die fasiliteit meer doelmatig vir boekliefhebbers en kinders te maak. Bergrivier Munisipaliteit het die kinders en die studie-area van die biblioteek uitgebrei. "Ek wil graag die kinders aanmoedig om gebruik te maak van hierdie geleenthede wat geskep word. Lees gereeld boeke en kom doen jou skoolwerk en take in 'n skoon en veilige omgewing," het Van Rooy gesê.

Nadat die spesiale gaste die rooi lint gesny het om die fasiliteit amptelik te open, is die gedenkplaat onthul.

Dié biblioteek het 'n nuwe aktiwiteitsaal en 'n groter spasie vir storietyd vir die kleinkinders en 'n studiegebied.

Gedurende Winde se toespraak het hy gesê dat die bou van infrastruktuur soos 'n biblioteek uiters belangrik is om geleenthede te skep vir burgers en meer spesifiek, inwoners van Noordhoek. Die funksies was 'n reuse sukses. Ons dien met trots!

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TITELAKTES OORHANDIG IN NOORDHOEK

"Dit is altyd 'n onvergeetlike oomblik vir iemand om die sleutels en titelakte van 'n nuwe huis te ontvang. Ek is so geëerd om hierdie oomblik met al die begunstigdes te kan deel, aangesien ek verstaan hoe lank dit kan neem om tot hierdie punt te kom. Ek wil dus alle begunstigdes aanmoedig om na hul eiendom te kyk, hul titelaktes veilig te hou en laat hierdie lewensveranderende ervaring help om 'n baie beter toekoms en 'n meer voorspoedige lewe vorentoe te bou". Só het Raadsheer Ray van Rooy, Uitvoerende Burgemeester van Bergrivier Munisipaliteit gesê, nadat tien begunstigdes hul titelaktes van hul nuwe huise ontvang het.

Hierdie oorhandigingseremonie vorm deel van die 107-behuisingprojek in Noordhoek, Velddrif. Die Premier van die Wes-Kaap, Alan Winde, tesame met die Minister van Menslike Nedersettings, Tertius Simmers, en die Uitvoerende Burgemeester, Rdh. Van Rooy, het die titelakte van die 84 jarige Eva Daniels op 15 Februarie 2022 by haar huis oorhandig. Dié begunstigde, Eva Daniels (84), sê sy is baie bly en uiters dankbaar oor hierdie spesiale besoek. "Eers die huis en nou hierdie belangrike dokument. Dit is 'n ware seën. Ek dank God en elke persoon wat dit moontlik gemaak het," het Daniels gesê.

Die begunstigdes kom almal van die Velddrif gemeenskap wat Laaiplek, Noordhoek en verskeie omliggende plase insluit.



Hier (bo) is die begunstigdes wat hul titelaktes in Februarie 2022 ontvang het. Hulle is Marthinus Gert, Neville Williams, Johanna Adonis, Margaret Barends, Gideon Coetzee, Petrus Faro, Mzwamado Mbethu, Gail Joubert, Hendrika Claasen en Eva Daniels.

PIETIE FREDERICKS YOUTH CENTRE IN PIKETBERG NEARLY COMPLETED

By Amerandi Valentyn

The long anticipated Pietie Fredericks Youth Centre in Piketberg, a R5.5 million investment project within the Bergrivier Municipal Area is nearing completion.

This project was a positive partnership between Bergrivier Municipality and PPC De Hoek, Suiderland Plase, TipTrans and the Western Cape Provincial Government.

The purpose of the youth centre is to develop strong youth leaders for the future of the Bergrivier Municipal Area. The centre will run various programmes to physically and mentally develop young people through indoor sports, aftercare, tutoring lessons, and other skills development initiatives.

Alletta van Sittert, Manager: Strategic Services at Bergrivier Municipality, mentioned that one of the constraints as a municipality is the lack of sufficient development facilities for the youth. "The Municipality decided that the Pietie Fredericks Youth Centre would be an ideal youth development initiative. It is for this reason that partnerships are being sought all the time, including partnership with Provincial Departments. Furthermore, to ensure an integrated approach, youth facilities are combined with other community needs to ensure maximum utilisation and a holistic approach to the whole of society".

Phase 1 entails the building of parts of the structure. This is expected to be completed before the end of March 2022. Local construction businesses are being given the opportunity to deliver services throughout the duration of the project. Phase 2 will be primarily funded by the Western Cape Government and this will commence in April 2022.

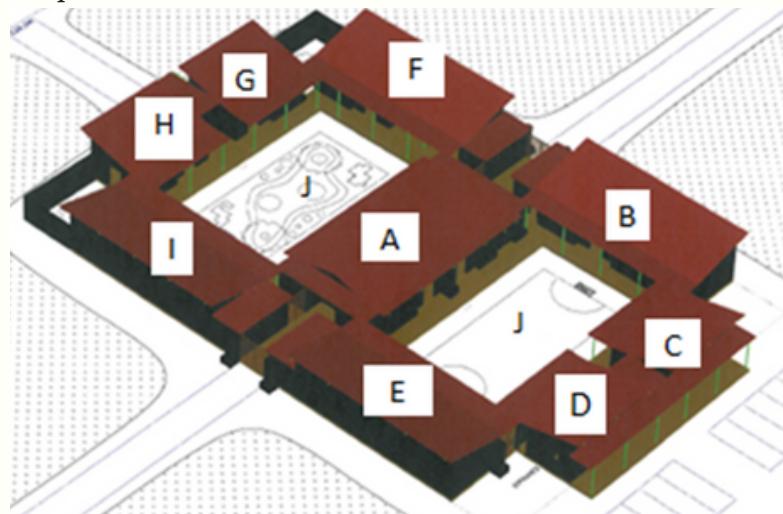


The construction work for phase 1 is expected to be completed before the end of March 2022.



Here (in this photo) workers can be seen building one of the structures at the Pietie Fredericks Youth Centre in Piketberg.

The below illustration is an artistic impression of the centre, with the units clearly marked for ease of reference. Unit A, B, C, D and E forms part of Phase 1 and will be completed in March 2022. Unit F will be funded by Suiderland Plase. Units G, H, I and the sport and recreational facilities (J) will be funded by the Western Cape Government.



Here two workers can be seen busy with the construction of a wall at the youth centre in Piketberg.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE STATE OF THE PROVINCE ADDRESS 2022



The State of the Province Address (SOPA) was held in Velddrif on 15 and 16 February 2022. It was an honour to host Provincial Government in Bergvrijier Municipality. Above (from left) is Alderman Ray van Rooy (Executive Mayor), Alderman Mario Wessels (Executive Deputy Mayor), Mrs. Lorraine Botha (Member of the Provincial Parliament), Adv. Hanlie Linde (Municipal Manager) and Alderman Rhandall Swarts (Speaker).



PORTEVILLE WASTE WATER TREATMENT WORKS RECEIVES R6,59 MILLION UPGRADES

By Amerandi Valentyn

Bergrivier Municipality has received R6,596 million from the Water Services Infrastructure Grant (WSIG) sourced from the Department of Water and Sanitation to upgrade the Waste Water Treatment Works (WWTW) in Porterville.

The funds are being used to:

- Complete key components of the treatment works which had to be scaled down due to insufficient funds during a previous phase;
- Double the capacity of the treatment works facility from 0,75 Ml/day to 1,5 Ml/day since it has reached its maximum capacity, and to ensure sufficient capacity for future developments;
- Ensure compliance with statutory requirements and standards regarding quality of final effluent; and
- Install standby mechanical components to ensure that there's a backup and sustainable functionality, should there be any failure of components or maintenance required.

According to the WSIG performance evaluation, this project has been progressing at a very good pace. Regular site visits are conducted to ensure that the upgrades are being done according to the required standards and that it is done according to the contractual timelines.

Rohann Stander, Manager: Project Management and Building Control at Bergrivier Municipality, mentioned that this is phase 3 of the upgrading of the treatment works. "The overall construction progress to date is 83%," said Stander.

Stander said that since this project commenced, 9 temporary local jobs were created.

The project is expected to be completed by the end of April 2022.



Herwinning 'n top prioriteit vir Bergrivier Munisipaliteit

"Put your **WASTE** in its place!"

Deur Amerandi Valentyn en Matthew Sheldon

Bergrivier Munisipaliteit spandeer ongeveer R40 miljoen per jaar aan vullisverwydering wat hoofsaaklik spandeer word aan die aankoop van vullissakke, vervoer - en stortingkostes. Bergrivier Munisipaliteit het geen gelisensieerde stortingsterreine nie en vervoer alle huishoudelike vullis na stortingsterreine in Malmesbury en Vredenburg in terme van ooreenkoms met Swartland- en Saldanhabaai Munisipaliteite.

Die herwinning van herbruikbare afval vorm deel van die munisipaliteit se aktiwiteite wat nie net die koste van die verwijdering van huishoudelike afval aansienlik kan verlaag nie, maar ook ons omgewing beskerm, skoon hou en bewaar.

Die volgende kategorieë van vullis word onder huishoudelike vullisverwydering hanteer:

Swartsakke: Alle nie-herwinbare huishoudelike afval. Swart sakke word jaarliks aan elke huishouding voorsien, waarvan die koste by die vullisverwyderingstarief ingesluit is. Sakke moet by die munisipale kantore afgehaal word met die toon van u munisipale rekening. Om inwoners aan te moedig om deel te neem aan die herwinningsprogram, word slegs een swart sak per week voorsien en verwijder.

Groensakke: Alle tuinvullis word plaaslik gestort en verwerk vir kompostering. Inwoners is beperk tot twee groen sakke per week en indien meer tuinvullis gegenereer word, kan die eienaar aanvra dat 'n vrag tuinvullis deur die munisipaliteit verwijder word teen 'n tarief wat jaarliks bepaal word. Die tarief beloop tans R229.90 per vrag (trekker en wa) of gedeelte daarvan.

Deurskynendesakke: Alle herwinbare huishoudelike materiaal en afval. Sakke word weekliks aan huishoudings voorsien volgens die aantal sakke wat deur die herwinningspan gekollekteer word. (Geen beperking op deurskynendesakke nie.) Kontak u plaaslike munisipale kantoor vir meer inligting oor produkte wat herwin kan word.

Landbou: Geen munisipale vullisverwydering vind plaas in landelike gebiede waar afval op plase of buite dorpsgebiede genereer word nie. Daar word egter voorsiening gemaak dat **bruikbare** herwinningsafval van plase kosteloos by die onderskeie herwinningssterreine afgelaai kan word, asook die wegdoen van nie-herwinbare materiaal by die plaaslike oorlaaistasie teen vasgestelde tariewe wat jaarliks bepaal word.

Besighede: Die huishoudelike tarief vir vullisverwydering wat jaarliks bepaal word is tans R256.03 (BTW ingesluit) en is ook op alle besighede van toepassing as 'n maandelikse minimum diens vir die verwijdering van twee sakke een maal per week. Enige addisionele verwijderings moet vooraf met die rekeninge afdeling van Bergrivier Munisipaliteit gereël word.



Tuinafval Huishoudelike afval Herwinbare Materiaal

UIT DIE PEN VAN DIE BURGEMEESTER

Deur Amerandi Valentyn



Ons leuse vir 2022 is "Voorgesette positiewe vennootskappe vir 'n menswaardige toekoms" wat pragtig inpas by ons visie.

Vir ons by Bergvrijer Municipaaliteit is positiewe vennootskappe met almal in ons gemeenskappe baie belangrik sodat ons op die regte wyse die kwessies in ons dorpe saam kan aanspreek. Deur saam te werk kan ons Bergvrijer Municipaaliteit tot hoër hoogtes neem. Só, kom ons begin die jaar op 'n hoë noot. Indien u enige probleem of navrae het rakende dienslewering, my kantoor se deur staan oop vir almal.

Dit is kommerwekkend dat voorvalle van vandalisme en kabeldiefstal teen 'n onrusbarlike tempo toeneem in die Bergvrijer Municipale Gebied. Dit is nie net 'n duur proses om toerusting en kabels wat gevandaliseer en gesteel word te vervang nie, maar dit veroorsaak 'n gebrek aan basiese dienste.

Ons moedig inwoners aan om eienaarskap te neem van alle munisipale fasiliteite en om insidente van vandalisme en kabeldiefstal onmiddellik te rapporteer. Kom ons staan saam om hierdie kriminele aktiwiteite hok te slaan.

Enige persoon wat 'n incident van vandalisme en kabeldiefstal aan die Municipaaliteit rapporteer mag dalk beloon word as die inligting of bewyse direk tot skuldbevinding aan die misdaad lei.

Om insidente van vandalisme en kabeldiefstal of enige kriminele aktiwiteite rakende Bergvrijer Municipaaliteit te rapporteer skakel die volgende Wetstoepassingnummers:
Piketberg: 083 226 1067/ 083 661 9253; **Porterville:** 083 922 5213; **Velddrif (Ingesluit Dwarskersbos en Laaiplek):** 083 272 4128; **Redelinghuys:** 083 226 1067/ 083 661 9253; **Aurora:** 083 272 4128; **Eendekuil:** 083 922 5213; en **Goedverwacht & Wittewater:** 083 226 1067/ 083 661 9253.

Municipal Notice: Indigent subsidies

Bergvrijer Municipality would like to invite all households that want to register as needy households and are eligible for free basic services, to visit their nearest municipal office. Customers can apply for indigent subsidies if the total household income of all members of the household living on the premises is less than R5000 per month. If you qualify for this, your monthly bill will be subsidized by up to R563.51. This amount includes 6Kl of free water. Come and find out how the process works. For more information on indigent subsidies, call Mabel Fortuin (Piketberg) on 022 913 6061 or Estralita Schreuder (Porterville) on 022 931 8420 or Alecia Carstens (Velddrif) on 022 783 8313. We serve with pride and we are always there to help you!

Munisipale Kennisgewing: Deernis-subsidies

Bergvrijer Municipaaliteit nooi graag alle huishoudings wat as hulphoewende huishoudings wil registreer en vir gratis basiese dienste in aanmerking wil kom, om hul naaste munisipale kantoor te besoek. Verbruikers kan aansoek doen vir 'n deernis-subsidie indien die totale huishoudelike inkomste van alle lede van die huishouing wat op die perseel woonagtig is, minder as R5000 per maand is. Indien u kwalificeer sal u maandelikse rekening met tot soveel as R563.51 gesubsidieer word. Hierdie bedrag sluit 6Kl gratis water in. Kom vind uit hoe die proses werk. Vir meer inligting oor deernis-subsidies, skakel Mabel Fortuin (Piketberg) by 022 913 6061 of Estralita Schreuder (Porterville) by 022 931 8420 of Alecia Carstens (Velddrif) by 022 783 8313. Ons dien met trots en ons is altyd daar om u te help!

NEWLY APPOINTED DIRECTOR: TECHNICAL SERVICES

By Matthew Sheldon

"I am here to ensure that the public we serve gets the best service possible within our (Bergrivier Municipality's) financial and administration means". So says, Victor Felton (54), Bergrivier Municipality's newly appointed Director: Technical Services. He thoroughly enjoys when, during his tenure, new infrastructure is being created which contributes to enhancing the quality of life of all residents. He also wants to, through municipal endeavours, be part of uplifting the social and economic status of the communities within the municipal area.

Felton was appointed as from 01 February 2022 on a permanent basis.

The Technical Services Directorate is responsible for the following functions within the Municipality: Bulk purchasing and distribution of electricity; Upgrade and maintenance of electricity networks; Bulk purchasing and distribution of water; Upgrade and maintenance of water networks; Upgrade and maintenance of water treatment works; Provision of sewerage services; Construction and maintenance of roads and storm water; building control; project management, refuse removal, municipal buildings, fleet management and maintenance of municipal buildings.

"We are a team of professionals working together to achieve the strategic goals and the vision of Bergrivier Municipality. This Directorate plays a key role in the provision of several core services such as tarred roads, potable water, and electricity. It is my role within this team to ensure that we perform our tasks efficiently and effectively so as to deliver high quality services to the public," said Felton.

Felton was born in Muizenberg in 1967 and moved to the Eastern Cape for his high school education. He obtained his Bachelor's degree in Technology at the Nelson Mandela University in Port Elizabeth. He is currently a registered professional in the field of civil engineering.

With nearly 30 years of engineering experience, Felton's internship career began at a consultancy firm, after which he had to do his compulsory military service (officer's course) in Kroonstad. After completing his military service, he went back to work for a consultancy firm, and worked for a period of time for Murray & Roberts on the National Road between Durban and Johannesburg.



Bergrivier Municipality appointed Victor Felton as the new Director: Technical Services. Photo: Matthew Sheldon

After some years of working for various consultancy firms, Felton eventually joined Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality as an Assistant Director: Contracts for 12 years. Thereafter he moved to Kouga Municipality as a Director: Technical Services and worked there for 10 years.

"Besides the vast land and the heat in Bergrivier, the first thing that caught my eye is the quality services being delivered to communities which are of a high standard when I compare it to municipalities in the Eastern Cape," said Felton.

During his free time, Felton loves fishing and playing golf, and recently joined a local church group. He mentioned that he enjoys hunting too in the fields.

"Residents living in the Bergrivier Municipal Area are very fortunate since they are receiving good services and facilities are in a good condition. I would like to contribute to bringing excellent services to the people we serve," he concluded.

SPORTS PERSONS OF THE DECADES

By Amerandi Valenty

"The Bergrivier Municipal Area has a vast amount of sporting talent".

These were the words of Alderman Ray van Rooy, as he addressed the guests during the Sports Persons of the Decades Awards ceremony in December 2021.

The event was held at the Alan Boesak Community Hall in Piketberg.

The Municipality's Executive Mayor gave birth to an honorary event titled "Sports Persons of the Decades", which seeks to find and give recognition to the most decorated sporting talents of the years from 1970 to 1999 and 2000 to 2019.

This competition provided an opportunity to the public to nominate their sporting community heroes by completing a nomination form, motivating the person they would like to see win the sporting award for a specific decade, based on their historic performances.

The persons who nominated their favourite sporting hero were afforded a chance to include the achievements (certificates, trophies, medals, etc) in their submissions.

The Mayor's Office appointed two young people, Monique Maarman and Lebrett Cordon, to oversee the nomination process. They received a lot of applications and all the nominees were incredible and deserving. Thereafter, the selection process was closely evaluated to choose the sports persons of the decades. The Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport (DCAS) judged and selected the winners, which was not an easy task at all.

The winners were each rewarded with a R5000 cheque.

The Municipality would like to congratulate the winners of the Sports Persons of the Decades and the individuals who nominated them: Louis Nthane; Moswin Moore; Paul Dietrich; Marshall Engelbrecht; and Phallen van Neel.

Our sincerest appreciation to Monique Maarman and Lebrett Cordon for managing the program. Thank you to DCAS for judging the nominees and selecting the winners.

We thank all participants for making this event a memorable occasion and we look forward to hosting the program again.



BURSARY RECIPIENTS 2022

Congratulations to all whom received bursaries from Bergvrijier Municipality for the 2022-2023 financial year!

Bergvrijier Municipality has three different bursary programmes, namely: Provincial Grant, Bergvrijier Municipal External Bursary Funding and Internal Bursaries.

The below beneficiaries specifically received funding to further their studies from the Bergvrijier Municipal External Funding.

In total 31 students were awarded bursaries. Nine student's photographs were unfortunately not provided. Hereby, we acknowledge the following students whose photographs are unavailable: Kirsten Thiart: Bachelor of Commerce; Wayne Klaase: Bachelor of Eng Tech in Electrical ENG; Darryn Titus: Diploma: Information & Communication Technology; Carin Willemse: LLB Law; Jerohn Cloete: PC Technician and Network; Romeo Mabete: National Diploma: Business Management; Giouvanni Goliath: Barbering Course; Kelly Carolus: Social Auxiliary Work and Stacey-Lee Heugh: National Certificate in Human Resource Management.

MARSHÉ DE WEE BED Intermediate Phase (SAQA: 105031)	ALEIGHNE RIVIDA BCom Accounting	ULVYN VISAGIE BCom Accounting	MARLIN BAILEY BSCC Agric (Plant & Soil)	JACQUES JOHN BOUMEESTER Bachelor of Education	RAAHFICK PHILANDER Diploma in Engineering	CATHLYN DIETRICH BEINPT BED Intermediate Phase Teaching	ALDRID MARKUS BESPF BED Senior Phase and FET
CADEY LOUROSHE Bachelor of Social Worker	NIKITHA BOOYS BSc in Geomatics>>BSc Physiotherapy	MVUYO YAKEKA Bachelor of Education in Intermediate Phase	HENRY VAN DER WESTHUIZEN BHsc Biometrics	KURZWELL KLAASE Postgraduate Certificate in Education	ELISHQUE NTHANE Bachelor of Laws (LLB)	GENEVIEVE SAMUELS Diploma in Public Management	ROBYN-LEE MAART Diploma in Cosmetology/ Public Management
ELONA JULIUS Diploma: Early Childhood Development	BRANDON BRAND Intermediate Phase Teaching	GRENVILLE MENTOOR FET Certificate in Social Auxiliary Work	BREYTTON GOSHAL National Certificate N1 Electrical Engineering	MARSHALLE DE WEE Public Management			
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CADEY LOUROSHE	NIKITHA BOOYS	MVUYO YAKEKA	HENRY VAN DER WESTHUIZEN	KURZWELL KLAASE	ELISHQUE NTHANE	GENEVIEVE SAMUELS	ROBYN-LEE MAART
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EXECUTIVE MAYOR, ALDERMAN RAY VAN ROOY CONGRATULATES ALL THE RECIPIENTS AND WISHES THEM THE BEST WITH THEIR STUDIES. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

