

# BERGRIVIER BULLETIN

*Quarterly External Municipal Newsletter*



**Premier hits the streets of Piketberg:** The Premier of the Western Cape, Alan Winde, visited Piketberg in November 2024 to conduct general inspections at key service points such as Radie Kotzé Hospital and Piketberg Police Station, to assess the level of service delivery in town.

## PREMIER MEETS WITH BUSINESS AND AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

"The plan is to be totally resilient in the Western Cape".

These were the words of Western Cape Premier, Alan Winde, during a public meeting with Piketberg residents, among them business owners and farmers on Monday 11, November 2024.

Premier Winde stressed that one of the Western Cape Government's goals is to build up the province's energy security and resilience. He noted that the province is making encouraging headway and is on track to become a net exporter of electricity by 2032 - a milestone that underscores its commitment to energy resilience.

While energy and water security are among the Premier's key priorities, he also emphasised the critical need to strengthen education and healthcare, despite budgetary constraints.

Winde also shared encouraging news about the Western Cape's unemployment rate, which has dipped to below 20% and remains the lowest in the country. However, he acknowledged that this figure remains unacceptably high, and his government must work even harder to further stimulate economic growth to create more jobs.

The following day, Tuesday, Winde returned to Piketberg for inspections at key service points, including Radie Kotzé Hospital, Piketberg Police Station, and the E-Centre located inside the Pietie Fredericks Youth Centre.

Accompanied by Bergrivier Municipality's Executive Mayor, Alderman Ray van Rooy, the Premier assessed the delivery of essential services in the community. He engaged with residents to gain firsthand insights into their experiences with healthcare, safety and digital services.

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## COLLAB CITIZEN APP NOU BESIKBAAR

Honderde inwoners gebruik reeds Bergrivier Munisipaliteit se "Citizen App". Wat van u?

Bergrivier Munisipaliteit het amptelik op Dinsdag, 1 Oktober 2024 die Collab Citizen App bekendgestel.

Hierdie innoverende mobiele applikasie is ontwerp om die manier waarop ons dienste aan ons gemeenskappe lewer, te vergemaklik. Dit sal u lewe verander!

Die Collab Citizen App bied 'n verskeidenheid van funksies wat u in staat stel om op hoogte te bly met die jongste munisipale nuus, diensverwante kennisgewings en toegang tot belangrike dokumente soos vakatures, munisipale dokumente en nuusbriewe. U sal ook op die App toegang hê tot u munisipale rekening en dit op die App kan betaal.

Daar is amper 300 inwoners in die Bergrivier Munisipale Gebied wat reeds gebruik maak van die App.

Dis nie al nie! Die App stel u ook in staat om dienslewingskwessies, soos slaggate, elektrisiteitsfoute, gebarste waterpype, onwettige storting en meer, aan te meld. Neem net 'n foto van die probleem en stuur dit direk aan die Munisipaliteit met die GPS-koördinate aangeheg, wat die proses om hierdie probleme aan te spreek, vergemaklik en help om selfs nog 'n beter diens te lewer.

Ons moedig alle inwoners aan om die Collab Citizen App vanaf die Play Store, App Store of App Gallery af te laai.

Kom ons werk saam om dienslewering en kommunikasie met die Munisipaliteit te verbeter soos nog nooit van tevore nie!

Moet dit nie misloop nie – laai die App af en kommunikeer saam met ons!

Laai die Collab Citizen App af en besoek die "news" seksie om 'n kort inligtingsvideo rakende die funksies van die App na te gaan.

WELKOM BY DIE

## COLLAB CITIZEN APP

Word verbind met jou plaaslike Munisipaliteit




**Wat om te verwag:**

- Moeiteloze Interaksie**  
Moeiteloze interaksie met jou plaaslike munisipaliteit op 'n verstaanbare platform.
- Gebruikersvriendelik**  
Maklike navigasie tussen funksies.
- Eerstehandse Informatie**  
Weet eerste van belangrike inligting wat jou plaaslike munisipaliteit deel.

**Stappe om te volg:**

- Laai die App van u App Winkel af**  
Tik in **Collab Citizen** in jou App Winkel of **Skandeer die QR kode** en laai die App af:





**2. Registreer op die Collab Citizen App**  
Volg die maklike stappe en registreer op die App.

**3. Geniet die funksies**  
Die volgende funksies is beskikbaar en verbind u met u plaaslike munisipaliteit om op hoogte te bly:



**Nuus en Kennisgewings**  
Ontvang nuus en kennisgewings



**Klientediens**  
Rapporteer en volg diensveroeke



**Rekening State**  
Besigtig en betaal jou Munisipale Rekening



**Munisipale Kontak Nommers**  
Toegang tot kontak nommers



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# RECYCLING CAN REDUCE WASTE IN BERGRIVIER MUNICIPALITY BY NEARLY 70%

"Only 9% of the Municipality's waste is being recycled".

So says Jamie-Lee van Zyl, Waste Officer at Bergrivier Municipality. She added that a key aspect in reducing the amount of waste going to the regional landfill sites, is reducing the amount of recyclables and food waste contained in black bags.

Most of Bergrivier Municipality's waste is transported to Vredenburg and Highlands landfill sites, at a massive financial cost. This in turn has a direct effect on refuse removal and transfer station offloading tariffs for both residents and businesses.

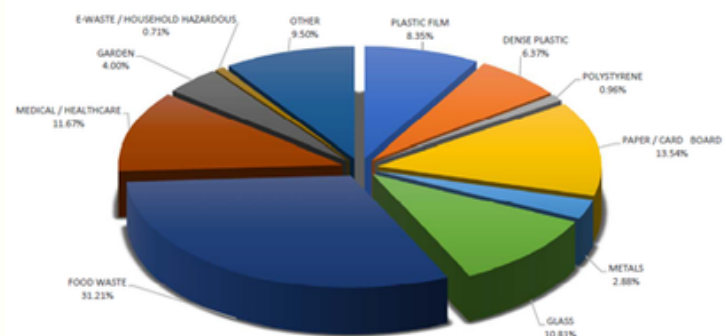
"The Municipality's landfill sites are in the process of being decommissioned. In other words, it means that these facilities now only accept builders' rubble and garden waste. All other refuse must be transported to the regional landfill sites," said Van Zyl.

The three bags system used by the Municipality as a waste management strategy allows for the separation of waste at source. This means that provision has been made for the separation of recyclables, by making use of the transparent bags provided weekly by the Municipality.

Furthermore, home composting allows for the re-use of food waste such as fruit and vegetable peels, egg shells, tea bags and coffee grounds. Garden waste such as dried grass, leaves, twigs and sticks can also be added to a compost mix.

An excerpt from the Integrated Waste Management Plan (IWMP 2019) clearly indicates that recyclables (plastic, glass, metal, paper and cardboard) and organic waste (food and garden waste) constitutes almost 70% of the waste contained in black bags. It is for this reason that residents and businesses are encouraged to intensify

Waste Characterisation Results - BLACK Bags



The above chart shows all the different types of waste generally contained in black bags (Integrated Waste Management Plan, 2019).

their recycling efforts and re-use their organic waste through, for instance, home composting.

Food waste can further be reduced at home through the following measures:

- Using leftover food, ensuring that it is refrigerated within 2 hours of being cooked.
- Setting your fridge to the correct temperature (1°C – 5°C).
- Noting that the "Use-by" date shows when food is no longer safe to eat. The "Best-before" date shows when the food is at its best quality.

While e-waste (electrical and electronic equipment waste) constitutes only 0.9% of the waste contained in all refuse bags, the general public is encouraged to make use of e-waste collectors within the Bergrivier Municipal Area, to dispose of this specific type of waste. This practice can further reduce waste going to landfill sites.

"It is possible to reduce our waste by nearly 70% if we simply practice recycling," concluded Van Zyl. The Municipality requires the full support of its residents, businesses and farmers, in its efforts to reduce waste going to the regional landfill sites.





Bergrivier Munisipaliteit

# HERGEBRUIK VERMINDER HERWIN



## BESPAAR DEUR TE HERWIN!

"Dit is moontlik om ons afval met sowat **70% te verminder** as ons eenvoudig herwinning praktyke toepas.

Grootskaalse herwinning kan lei tot 'n **verlaging van vullisverwyderingtariewe** en 'n **besparing vir inwoners**"  
- Jamie-Lee van Zyl (Waste Officer at Bergrivier Municipality).



## PLACE ALL RECYCLABLES IN TRANSPARENT BAG:

### PLASTICS



### CANS



### PAPER







## BERGRIVIER MUNISIPALITEIT 1STE MET "CODE OF ETHICAL LEADERSHIP"

Bergrivier Munisipaliteit is die 1ste Munisipaliteit in Suid-Afrika wat die nuwe "Code of Ethical Leadership for Local Government in South Africa" aanvaar het en ons goedgekeurde implementeringsplan ingestuur het aan ons Nasionale Departement.

In Bergrivier Munisipaliteit is ons passievol oor etiese leierskap, etiese gedrag en etiese dienslewering.

Bergrivier Municipality is the 1st Municipality in South Africa to adopt the new "Code of Ethical Leadership for Local Government in South Africa". The Municipality has submitted its approved implementation plan to the National Department.

At Bergrivier Municipality, we are passionate about ethical leadership, ethical behaviour, and ethical service delivery.



**SKOON ADMINISTRASIE:** Tydens die Raadsvergadering van 29 Oktober 2024 het die Speaker, Raadsheer Rhandall Swarts, 'n toekenning oorgehandig aan die Munisipale Bestuurder, Adv. Hanlie Linde. Die Administrasie het die toekenning gewen vir skoon administrasie en puik finansiële bestuur, voldoening aan alle wetgewing en puik governance vir die 2023-2024 finansiële boekjaar.



**TOEKENNING VIR EPWP:** Tydens die Raadsvergadering van 29 Oktober 2024 is Bergrivier Munisipaliteit vereer met 'n toekenning vir buitengewone puik prestasie in die uitvoering van die EPWP (Extended Public Works Programme). Dit is 'n werkskeppingsprogram wat vir baie huishoudings in Bergrivier Munisipaliteit broodnodige inkomste verseker. Ons dien met trots!



# WATER TREATMENT WORKS GETS R15 MILLION UPGRADES

One of Bergrivier Municipality's largest capital projects for the 2024-2025 financial year, the upgrading and rehabilitation of the Water Treatment Works in Piketberg, is nearly complete.

The project, which commenced in May 2024 and is valued at more than R15 million, has already received significant upgrades to the facility which includes: Refurbishment of the abstraction pump station; upgrading of the sludge drying beds; upgrading of access platforms at existing settling tanks; installation of new lime dosing equipment; extension of final potable water pump station; modification of laboratory / office; and other site works.

According to Leon Janse van Rensburg, Manager: Project Management at Bergrivier Municipality, the practical completion of all upgrades is expected before 13 December 2024. He added that the project is about 95% complete.

The aim is to increase the treatment capacity of the facility, and to comply with Blue Drop requirements set by the Department of Water and Sanitation.

Following the completion of the new 4ML reservoir in Piketberg, the bulk water infrastructure in Piketberg will now ensure that the Municipality can comply with its statutory obligations. The obligation is to provide sufficient potable water of a high quality and quantity to consumers on a sustainable basis.

Janse van Rensburg explained that a considerable section of the main feeder pipelines in the reticulation network in the town, has also been replaced with new high-density polyethylene pipes. "It's expected that after these replacements, incidents of water pipe bursts or breaks will be minimal," he concluded.

With the completion of all these upgrades, residents can expect mostly uninterrupted water services.





# BERGMUN BEMAGTIG 43 PLAASLIKE ENTREPRENEURS BY WERKSWINKELS

Deur Matthew Sheldon

Bergvriër Munisipaliteit se Finansiële Direktooraat het in Oktober/November 2024 werkswinkels in Piketberg, Porterville en Velddrif gehou, om opkomende mikro-ondernemings te bemagtig om besigheid met die munisipaliteit te kan doen.

'n Totaal van 43 plaaslike entrepreneurs het die werkswinkels bygewoon. Nelmarie Bothma, Bestuurder: Uitgawes en Voorsieningskanaalbestuur, sê die hoofdoel van hierdie inisiatief is om plaaslike besighede te help om nie net besigheid te doen met die munisipaliteit nie, maar ook om 'n beter begrip te hê van die volledige voorsieningskanaalbestuur proses.

“Ons wil plaaslike ondernemings bemagtig met alle belangrike inligting oor hul belastingaangeleenthede en enige navrae rakende die voltooiing van formele kwotasies of tenders. Ons moedig graag meer plaaslike besighede aan om op ons Sentrale Verskaffer Databasis te registreer. Dit is uiters belangrik, aangesien dit die eerste stap is om sake te doen met die munisipaliteit en plaaslike ekonomiese ontwikkeling te bevorder”.

Die munisipaliteit het die volgende inligting gedeel met die entrepreneurs:

- Voorsieningskanaalbestuur prosesse (van kwotasie tot die bestelvorm)
  - Wetlike vereistes
  - Hoe om jou besigheid te registreer op die munisipaliteit se Sentrale Verskaffer Databasis
  - Hoe om jou besigheid by SARS te registreer
  - Huisbouer-registrasies asook besighedsregistrasies
- “Tenders en formele kwotasies is oop vir die publiek en dus moedig ons alle plaaslike entrepreneurs aan om proaktief te wees en inisiatief te neem om aansoek te doen by die munisipaliteit vir besigheid,” het Bothma gesê.

Vir meer inligting skakel die volgende Voorsieningskanaalbestuur beamptes:

Nelmarie Bothma, Bestuurder: Uitgawes en Voorsieningskanaalbestuur: 022 913 6065;

Revedy Hendricks, Rekenmeester: Voorsieningskanaalbestuur: 022 913 6036; of

Coellin Julius, Administrateur: Voorsieningskanaalbestuur: 022 913 6121.



## NEWLY APPOINTED ASSISTANT INTERNAL AUDITOR “SETTLED INTO LIFE” AT BERGRIVIER MUNICIPALITY

“Excellent relationships are the key ingredient to success. It is this vital aspect that makes Bergrivier Municipality so exceptionally good at delivering services”.

These were the words of Irvin-Dane Pietersen, the newly appointed Assistant Internal Auditor of Bergrivier Municipality, who assumed office as of 01 September 2024. He expressed his desire to assist with audits that will positively impact the Municipality and help achieve its strategic goals.

He was born in 1990 in the small town of Riebeeck-Wes in the Swartland region. Pietersen officially moved to Piketberg earlier this month and already settled into his new environment with his new colleagues. After matriculating in 2007, Pietersen went on to obtain his National Diploma in Internal Auditing at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology in 2012. “In the near future, I plan to further my education by applying at a tertiary institution for an advanced diploma in Internal Auditing,” said a proud Pietersen.

His career began as an intern at the West Coast District Municipality, before landing his first permanent employment opportunity as an Assistant Internal Auditor at Theewaterskloof Municipality. More recently, he worked at Stellenbosch Municipality within the Finance Department, before making the move to join Team Bergrivier.

Pietersen loves the outdoors and scenic views normally found with countryside living, and instantly fell in love with the environment in Piketberg. “This town reminds me so much of my hometown Riebeeck-Wes. I feel right at home and will definitely be doing some site-seeing soon. There’s a lot to discover in the Bergrivier Municipal Area,” he said.

He is committed to serving the Municipality and its communities with pride, aiming to live out the vision of the organisation and help to enhance the well-being of all residents. “I pray that God blesses Bergrivier Municipality and its communities more than ever before,” said Pietersen.

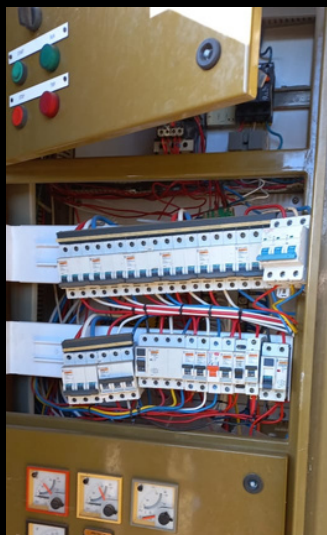
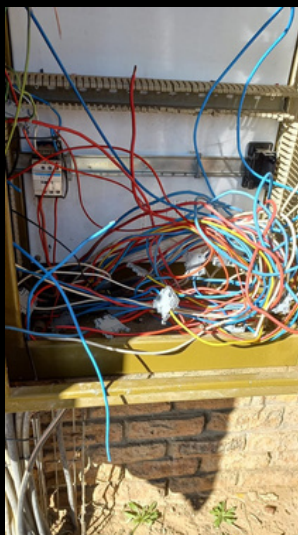
In his free time, he enjoys reading, tackling DIY projects at home, and spending quality time with his boys. Family time, especially on weekends, is something he cherishes at most.

Bergrivier Municipality wishes him well in his new position as Assistant Internal Auditor, confident that he will be a tremendous asset for the Internal Audit Division.



Irvin-Dane Pietersen, newly appointed Assistant Internal Auditor at Bergrivier Municipality, who assumed office as of 01 September 2024.

## Daar is geen verskoning vir vandalisme nie! #stopvandalismenou





BERGRIVIER MUNICIPALITY

# Blessed Christmas

As we welcome the holiday season, let's pause to cherish what matters most – our families, togetherness, and the joy of Christmas.

Take this time to relax, reflect on the year's accomplishments, and embrace the festive spirit. Whether near or far, may your holiday be filled with warmth and joy.

As the new year approaches, we remain committed to serving you with pride, ensuring you continue to receive the highest level of care and support when it comes to service delivery.

Wishing everyone in the Greater Bergrivier Area a peaceful and joyful festive season, and a prosperous, healthy New Year!

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

*from Ald. Ray van Rooy & everyone  
in the Bergrivier family.*





BERGRIVIER MUNISIPALITEIT

# Geseënde Kersfees

Soos ons die feestyd nader, laat ons mekaar herinner aan wat werklik belangrik is – ons families, saamwees, en die vreugde van Kersfees.

- Gebruik hierdie tyd om te ontspan en 'n welverdiende vakansie te geniet. Of u nou naby of ver is, mag u vakansie gevul wees met liefde en vreugde.

Soos ons die nuwe jaar verwelkom, bly ons steeds passievol om uitstekende dienste aan almal van u te lewer. Ons verseker u dat u steeds die hoogste vlak van sorg en ondersteuning sal ontvang.

Ons wens almal in die Groter Bergrivier Gebied 'n vreedsame en vreugdevolle feestyd, en 'n voorspoedige, gesonde Nuwe Jaar toe!

## GESEËNDE KERSFEES

*Van Rdh. Ray van Rooy en almal  
in die Bergrivier-familie.*







## RAADSLID VEREER IN BERGMUN

Nog 'n raadslid van Bergrivier Munisipaliteit is op Dinsdag, 26 November 2024, met die titel van Raadsheer vereer. Baie geluk aan Raadsheer Koos Daniels. Hier bo is (van links) Uitvoerende Burgemeester Raadsheer Ray van Rooy, Raadsheer Koos Daniels en Raadsheer Rhandall Swarts (Speaker).

## LET'S ALL RECYCLE!



**Recycling Awareness at schools:** Bergrivier Municipality's Waste Management Unit held an educational recycling play at a few schools during October 2024, to inform young learners about the importance of placing plastics, tins, paper and glass items in the transparent refuse bag. This simple practice not only assists the Municipality to significantly reduce costs to transport waste to regional landfill sites in Vredenburg and Malmesbury, but also positively contributes to a cleaner environment.





## BERGRIVIER MUNICIPALITY LAUNCHES COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY PLAN FOR FESTIVE SEASON

Bergrivier Municipality officially launched its Festive Season Safety Plan on Wednesday, 27 November 2024 in Velddrif.

The event, held in Voortrekker Road opposite the Velddrif Municipal Offices, highlighted the Municipality's proactive approach to ensuring public safety during the bustling holiday period.

The plan, developed in collaboration with law enforcement, community safety stakeholders, and emergency services, aims to address key challenges such as traffic control, public safety, and disaster preparedness. Deputy Mayor, Alderman Mario Wessels emphasised the Municipality's commitment to protecting residents and visitors alike during this vibrant season.

"Our goal is to create a safe and welcoming environment where families and tourists can enjoy everything Bergrivier has to

offer," said the Deputy Mayor.

He further urged the community to actively participate in fostering a culture of safety by adhering to regulations and reporting any suspicious activities.

Key components of the safety plan include increased law enforcement patrols, special safety awareness campaigns, and strategically positioned emergency response units. A special focus will be placed on curbing alcohol abuse and promoting road safety, particularly on busy routes and at popular tourist destinations.

This initiative is part of the Municipality's broader commitment to maintaining Bergrivier Municipality as a beacon of good governance and community well-being where the dignity of all is enhanced. Residents and visitors can rest assured that their safety remains a top priority this festive season.



# NEWLY APPOINTED RISK OFFICER SAYS “EARLY RISK IDENTIFICATION” WILL ENHANCE SERVICES

“Every decision we make and action we take impacts the community we serve.”

These were the words of Kungeka Akona Mpahlwa, the newly appointed Risk Officer of Bergrivier Municipality, who assumed office on 1 October 2024. She mentioned that addressing the challenges posed by the Strategic Risk Register is one of her top priorities. Working closely with all Directorates to facilitate positive spin-offs for the Municipality, she added, is another venture that will bear fruit for the organisation.

Mpahlwa was born in 1988 in Idutywa (Mbashe Local Municipal region) and completed her Grade 12 at Idutywa School of Excellence in 2004. She then furthered her studies at Walter Sisulu University in East London, obtaining a National Higher Certificate in Accountancy in 2009 and a National Diploma in Internal Auditing in 2010. “Currently, I’m a student at the University of South Africa doing an Advanced Diploma in Accounting Sciences. I love learning new skills and gaining valuable knowledge in my field of expertise. It sharpens my ability to perform at work,” said Akona.

Her career began in the banking sector at First National Bank (FNB), where she developed her customer service skills and gained an understanding of the importance placed on compliance within a highly-regulated work environment. In 2014, she landed her first job in local government at the Amahlathi Local Municipality as an Accountant for Property Rates, eventually moving to the Internal Audit Unit. Hereafter, Mpahlwa decided to make a career move to Langeberg Municipality as an Internal Auditor. At Langeberg Municipality, Akona cultivated a keen interest in risk management, before joining Bergrivier Municipality.

As the Risk Officer, Mpahlwa’s main focus will be analyzing both strategic and operational risks within the organisation and advising the leadership of Bergrivier Municipality on strategies to mitigate these risks. “It’s important that we are able to identify potential risks as early as possible, so that we can implement the necessary controls and avoid facing any serious challenges to our organisation,” said Akona.

A key initiative she would like to introduce is an internal monitoring and reporting channel for fraud and corruption, including the establishment of a whistleblowing hotline.

This system would:

- Provide for early identification of fraud and corruption;
- Promote accountability and reinforce the importance of ethical behavior;
- Protect public resources and improve operational efficiency; and
- Strengthen community trust and foster a culture of ethics.

Beyond her professional commitments, Akona enjoys exploring the internet for new information, spending time outdoors, and cooking for her family, where she loves experimenting with new recipes. “I understand everyone normally says that the town is so clean, but I also noticed here are no informal settlements in the area. That in itself is quite remarkable,” she said.

“I encourage all staff to actively participate in identifying potential risks and opportunities to enhance our services to our communities,” concluded Akona.

Bergrivier Municipality wishes her well in her new position as Risk Officer.



**Akona Mpahlwa, newly appointed Risk Officer at Bergrivier Municipality, who assumed office as of 01 October 2024.**

## TAKE ACTION AGAINST

# CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate change is a global phenomenon that largely has localised impacts. Scientific research suggests that when the world reaches a global warming level of 1.5°C, we need to be prepared for increasingly severe, interconnected and often irreversible impacts of climate change on ecosystems, biodiversity, and human systems.

## REDUCE WASTE

Practice recycling and composting, and choose products with minimal packaging.



## ADOPT SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION

Walk, bike, carpool, or use public transportation to cut down on carbon emissions.

## SUPPORT LOCAL AND SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

Buy from local farmers and businesses that prioritise eco-friendly methods.



## CONSERVE WATER AND ENERGY

Implement water-saving techniques and energy-efficient appliances to lower resource consumption.







BERGRIVIER MUNICIPALITY

**WISHES YOU A  
PROSPEROUS**

**2025**

— **HAPPY NEW YEAR** —

May your new year be filled with the  
sweetest successes, a lifetime of  
prosperity and cherished moments with  
the people you love the most.



With peace, joy and lots of love from  
Alderman Ray van Rooy and Adv. Hanlie  
Linde on behalf of all staff and  
Councillors at Bergrivier Municipality







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# NEGENDE SKOON OUDIT IN 'N RY VIR BERGRIVIER MUNISIPALITEIT

Bergrivier Munisipaliteit het onlangs uitstekende nuus ontvang vanaf die Ouditeur-Generaal van Suid-Afrika wat in sy finale verslag aangedui het dat die munisipaliteit vir 'n negende agtereenvolgende finansiële jaar (2023-2024) 'n skoon oudit ontvang het.

"Ons is baie trots oor ons jongste skoon oudit status. Dit vereis groot dissipline, professionaliteit, harde werk, deursettingsvermoë en uitsonderlike spanwerk om sulke prestasies te behaal. Ons is ongelooflik trots op ons bekwame personeel en toegewyde raadslede wat regtig hul bes doen om Bergrivier Munisipaliteit een van die beste plaaslike regerings in Suid-Afrika te maak," het Raadsheer Ray van Rooy, Uitvoerende Burgemeester van Bergrivier Munisipaliteit, gesê.

Die finale ouditverslag deur die onafhanklike Ouditeur-Generaal is op 29 November 2024 ontvang.

Alhoewel dit uiters belangrik is dat die Munisipaliteit nege skoon oudits in 'n ry verwerf het, voeg Van Rooy by, bly die fokus steeds op uitsonderlike dienslewering aan alle gemeenskappe binne die Bergrivier Munisipale Gebied. Bergrivier se visie is: "'n Vooruitstrewende gemeenskap waar almal wil leef, werk, leer en speel op 'n menswaardige manier."

Alle munisipaliteite word jaarliks geoudit tussen Julie en November. Net 34 uit 257 kon in 2023 skoon oudits behaal.

'n Span ouditeure het die afgelope vier maande 'n intensiewe evaluering van Bergrivier Munisipaliteit se prestasiebestuurstelsels, finansiële state, interne beheermaatreëls, 'governance' en leierskap gedoen.

Die ouditverslag vorm deel van die Jaarverslag en sal ingevolge Artikel 127(2) van die Wet op Munisipale Finansiële Bestuur (Wet 56 van 2003) tydens die Raadsvergadering op 21 Januarie 2025 bespreek word.



## NINETH CONSECUTIVE CLEAN AUDIT FOR BERGRIVIER MUNICIPALITY



# WEST COAST BETTER TOGETHER GAMES A HUGE SUCCESS



*The West Coast Better Together Games 2024 was an overwhelming success! Thanks to the dedication of participants, organizers, and volunteers, the event exceeded all expectations, creating a vibrant atmosphere of camaraderie and healthy competition. Bergrivier Municipality was well represented by its staff coming from all five Directorates within the organisation. It truly showcased the strength of staff unity and collaboration. Congratulations to all the winners!*







# MUNISIPALE KENNISGEWING



## SLUITING VAN MUNISIPALE KANTORE GEDURENDE DIE FEESEISOEN 2024/25:

Kennisgewing geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikel 21 van die Plaaslike Regering: Munisipale Stelselwet (Wet 32 van 2000) dat die volgende reëlins sal geld ten opsigte van die feesseisoen:

1. Dat die munisipale kantore binne die grense van Bergrivier Munisipaliteit gesluit sal wees vanaf 27 Desember 2024 tot 3 Januarie 2025;
2. Dat die Biblioteke binne die grense van Bergrivier Munisipaliteit sluit vanaf 27 Desember 2024 tot 3 Januarie 2025;
3. Dat die Verkeerskantore (E-Natfis transaksies) binne die grense van Bergrivier Munisipaliteit gesluit sal wees vanaf 27 Desember 2024 tot 31 Desember 2024;
4. Dat die onderstaande munisipale dienste **nie sluit nie** en soos volg gelewer sal word vanaf 27 Desember 2024 tot 2 Januarie 2025 vanaf **07:30 tot 13:00 (kassier punte uitgesluit)**;
  - 4.1 Alle kassiere sal oop wees en eers om 12:00 afsluit, uitgesluit alle Strandoorde wat voldag werk; en
  - 4.2 Dat vooruitbetaalde elektrisiteitsbystanddiens ("pre-paid bystanddiens") en essensiële dienste vollyds gelewer word.
5. Dat bystanddienste gelewer word vir rampbestuur, water, riool en vooruitbetaalde elektrisiteit ("pre-paid");
6. Dat vullisverwydering, reiniging, verkeersdienste, wetstoepassingsdienste asook brandweerdienste soos normal gelewer word en dat daar ook 'n volledige diens in alle Strandoorde gelewer word;
7. Dat spesiale verlof aan alle werknemers (uitgesluit die wat werksaam is in bogenoemde dienste (paragrafe 4.1 tot 4.2 en 5)) toegestaan word vanaf 27 Desember 2024 tot 3 Januarie 2025;
8. Dat permanente werknemers wat gedurende bogenoemde tydperk van spesiale verlof (27 Desember 2024 tot 3 Januarie 2025) diens gaan verrig, die spesiale verlof (5 werksdae) moet neem voor 30 Junie 2025;
9. Dat verkeerskantore op Saterdag 14 en 21 Desember 2024 te Velddrif en Piketberg vanaf **08:00 tot 13:00**, oop sal wees vir die publie vir E-Natfis transaksies (**uitgesluit** padwaardigheid);
10. Dat die munisipale kantore op Dinsdag 24 Desember 2024 om 10:00 sal sluit; en
11. Dat die volle diens op 6 Januarie 2025 hervat word om 07:30.

## DIE NOODNOMMERS VAN BERGRIVIER MUNISIPALITEIT IS SOOS VOLG:

DORP	WATER & RIOOL	ELEKTRISITEIT	BRANDWEER & RAMPBESTUUR	VERKEER	AMBULANS	WETSTOEPASSING
Piketberg	083 272 3850	083 655 4846	060 941 3606	083 272 4126	10177 / 022 433 8700	083 226 1067/ 083 661 9253
Porterville	083 272 3853	083 272 3294	060 941 3330	072 657 1801	10177/022 433 8700	083 922 5213
Velddrif (Ingesluit Dwarskersbos en Laaiplek)	083 272 4136 (Water) 083 272 4135 (Riool)	083 272 4117	060 941 3598	083 272 4129	10177 / 022 433 8700	083 272 4128 / 082 870 1374
Redelinghuys	083 272 4130	083 655 4846	067 593 0672 / 060 941 3606 / 083 272 4130	083 272 4126	10177 / 022 433 8700	083 226 1067/ 083 661 9253
Aurora	083 272 4131	083 272 4117	060 941 3598/ 083 272 4131	083 272 4129	10177 / 022 433 8700	083 272 4128
Eendekuil	083 272 4137	083 272 3294	067 593 0664 / 060 941 3330 / 083 272 4137	072 657 1801	10177 / 022 433 8700	083 922 5213
Goedverwacht & Wittewater	MORAWIESE KERK	ESKOM	060 941 3606	083 272 4126	10177 / 022 433 8700	083 226 1067/ 083 661 9253





**INTERNAL AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT TEAM:** In this photo (from left) is Msizi Mseleni (Internal Auditor), Akona Mpahlwa (Risk Officer) and Irvin-Dane Pietersen (Assistant: Internal Auditor).

## REPORT FRAUD & CORRUPTION

“Members of the public are encouraged to report any fraud and/or corruption allegations to either the Executive Mayor, Alderman Ray van Rooy, on 083 657 9615, the Municipal Manager, Adv. Hanlie Linde on 022 913 6011 or the Internal Auditor, Msizi Mseleni at 022 913 6002 or via e-mail: [mselenim@bergmun.org.za](mailto:mselenim@bergmun.org.za)

The public can also contact the National Anti-Corruption Hotline at 0800 701 701 or the Provincial Forensic Services at 021 483 0931 or via e-mail: [Tip.Offs@westerncape.gov.za](mailto:Tip.Offs@westerncape.gov.za)

All communication is treated with sensitivity and strictly confidential. We strive to maintain a fraudless environment.

## TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT



**DEVELOPING LEADERS:** Bergrivier Municipality supports training initiatives and youth development, by building and establishing strong relationships with local tertiary institutions. Granting students internship opportunities and on-the-job work experience forms an integral part of a young professional's development within the working world. Internships like this provides students with valuable skills to become an asset for any organisation and increases their employability. We serve with pride in Bergrivier! Here is (above from left) Veronica Britz, Mishcalathan Brink and Ynawca Thomas. Absent is: Jannillee Don. They are the current interns working at Bergrivier Municipality. We wish them all the best during their time at Bergrivier Municipality!





# MUNICIPAL NOTICE



## CLOSURE OF MUNICIPAL OFFICES DURING THE FESTIVE SEASON 2024/25:

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 21 of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act (Act 32 of 2000) that the following arrangements will be in effect during the festive season:

1. That the municipal offices within the boundaries of Bergrivier Municipality will be closed from 27 December 2024 to 3 January 2025;
2. That the Libraries within the boundaries of Bergrivier Municipality will be closed from 27 December 2024 to 3 January 2025;
3. That the Traffic Offices (E-Natis transactions) within the boundaries of Bergrivier Municipality will be closed from 27 December to 31 December 2024;
4. That the municipal services mentioned hereunder **will remain open** and will be available from 27 December to 2 January 2025 from **07:30 to 13:00 (excluding cashier points)**;
  - 4.1 All cashiers will be open and will close at 12:00, **excluding** all Beach Resorts which will operate as per normal (full work day);
  - 4.2 That pre-paid electricity standby service and essential services will be operating full-time;
5. That standby services will be delivered for the following: Disaster Management, Water, Sewerage and pre-paid electricity;
6. That refuse removal, cleaning, traffic, law enforcement as well as fire services will be delivered as per normal and that all beach resorts will be fully operational;
7. That special leave be granted to all employees (excluding those employed in the abovementioned services (paragraph 4.1 to 4.2 and 5) from 27 December 2024 to 3 January 2025;
8. That permanent employees who will be working during the abovementioned special leave period (27 December 2024 to 3 January 2025) must take their special leave (5 work days) before 30 June 2025;
9. That the Traffic Offices in Piketberg and Velddrif will be open to the public on Saturday, 14 December 2024 from 08:00 until 13:00 for E-Natis transactions (excluding roadworthiness);
10. That the municipal offices will close on Tuesday, 24 December 2024 at 10:00; and
11. That all municipal services will resume in full on 6 January 2025 at 07:30.

## THE EMERGENCY NUMBERS FOR BERGRIVIER MUNICIPALITY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

TOWN	WATER & SEWERAGE	ELECTRICITY	FIRE & DISASTER MANAGEMENT	TRAFFIC	AMBULANCE	LAW ENFORCEMENT
Piketberg	083 272 3850	083 655 4846	060 941 3606	083 272 4126	10177 / 022 433 8700	083 226 1067/ 083 661 9253
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REAKSIETYD



Ons heg waarde aan u behoefte om stiptelik bedien te word

REKENINGE



Ons waardeer jou vennootskap en verbind ons daartoe om u met trots te dien

GRONDGEBRUIK



Ons hanteer al u grondgebruikaansoeke op 'n oop, regverdige en deursigtige wyse

BESKERMINGSDIENSTE



Ons verstaan dat gemeenskappe in 'n veilige omgewing floreer

NUWE AANSLUITINGS



Ons glo in u reg op 'n menswaardige lewe

VERBINTENIS TOT DIENSLEWERING



Ons mik daarna om ons dorpe skoon te hou en ononderbroke, gehalte diens te verskaf

VISIE

Bergrivier: 'n Vooruitstrewende gemeenskap waar almal wil leef, werk, leer en speel op 'n menswaardige manier.

MISSIE

Verbintenis tot volhoubare ontwikkeling en die lewering van dienste wat reageer op die ontwikkelingsbehoefte van alle gemeenskappe in Bergrivier Munisipaliteit.

WAARDES

- Ons is almal deel van Bergrivier Munisipaliteit;
- Ons streef daarna om goeie diens te lewer om te verseker dat alle mense op 'n waardige wyse kan saamleef;
- Ons is onbeskaamd pro-arm;
- Ons glo in goeie verhoudings;
- Ons glo in nuwe innoverende vennootskappe;

- Ons glo in sosiale- en ekonomiese ontwikkeling van die gebied;
- Ons is gedissiplineerd;
- Ons gee om vir ons werk en ons kollegas;
- Ons dien met trots; en
- Ons glo in etiese gedrag.

Ons dien met trots!



# PUT YOUR WASTE IN ITS PLACE

**Recycling of Glass, Metal, Paper & Plastic**  
*Place these items in your transparent/recycling bag.*

## 3 EASY STEPS TO PREPARE RECYCLABLES

**1**  
EMPTY

**2**  
CLEAN

**3**  
DRY



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# PUT YOUR WASTE IN ITS PLACE

## GREEN WASTE

*Place the following items in your green bag or compost bin:  
grass, wood chips, dead plants, tweaks, branches and leaves*

**DID YOU KNOW  
THAT GREEN  
WASTE CAN ALSO  
BE PLACED INTO  
A COMPOST BIN.**

If you are interested  
in composting, contact  
Jakkie Strümpher for  
more information  
@ 022 913 6130  
(during office hours).



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# PUT YOUR WASTE IN ITS PLACE

## ORGANIC WASTE

*Place the following items into your compost bin: egg shells, fruit peels, vegetables, coffee sediment and newspaper*

**IF YOU DO  
NOT YET HAVE A  
COMPOST BIN OR A  
DEDICATED SPACE  
FOR COMPOSTING,  
PLACE YOUR  
ORGANIC WASTE  
INTO YOUR  
BLACK BAG.**

Please note that meat, nappies and dog/cat litter are examples of items that must be placed into your black bag.



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