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Quarterly External Municipal Newsletter

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE SHINES THROUGH TEMPORARY WATER CRISIS IN PIKETBERG

Water Issues in Piketberg: *A young Piketberg resident fills up his water container at one of the Municipality's emergency water points, ensuring his family has access to clean water. Despite the challenge, the spirit of unity and cooperation prevailed as residents adapted and supported one another while the Municipality worked tirelessly to restore water supply to the town. Water has successfully been restored to all households within 24 hours -* *see page 2*

FROM CRISIS TO RESOLUTION

WATER RESTORED IN PIKETBERG IN UNDER 24 HOURS

***Water Tankers:** Residents living in Piketberg took their water containers to fill it up with potable water, whilst the Municipality worked for several hours to restore water services to all households. All water services returned to households in under 24 hours.*

A RESILIENT COMMUNITY - On Tuesday, 18 February 2025 at around 14:00, Bergrivier Municipality had to close its reservoirs in Piketberg, due to abstraction issues at the Raw Water Pump Station. This left residents without water in their taps for nearly 24 hours.

The Municipality experienced several technical issues concerning the switchboards controlling the flow of water via the portable water pumps, including issues with the raw water pump, which is responsible for water abstraction from the Berg River.

The result of the series of technical challenges personnel had to endure from Friday, 15 February 2025 until Tuesday, 18 February 2025, including extremely high temperatures, led to the dramatic drop in water levels across all three reservoirs in the town.

Despite the challenges, the Municipality acted swiftly, deploying water tanks to eight strategic locations in the town to ensure continued access to potable water for all households. All water issues were successfully resolved by Tuesday (18 February 2025) afternoon, however, the reservoir levels were too low at this point to pump water to households.

The Municipality managed to open the reservoirs on Wednesday (19 February 2025) afternoon, and a few hours later, residents once again had water flowing through their taps.

A huge thank you to Swartland Municipality and West Coast District Municipality, as well as local businesses that assisted the Municipality with water tankers.

As of 27 February 2025, the water levels at the reservoirs in Piketberg have significantly increased.

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REGISTREER U "SSEG"-STELSEL BY DIE MUNISIPALITEIT

Die Munisipaliteit ondersteun Kleinskaalse Ingeslote Generasie (KIG) van elektrisiteit en wil graag die gemeenskap bedank vir hul bydra tot die bevordering van groen energie deur die installering van Fotovoltaïese stelsels.

Alle permanente SSEG-stelsels moet geregistreer en gemagtig word deur die Munisipaliteit soos vereis deur die Elektrisiteitsverordening.

Genadeperiode vir registrasie

Bergrivier Munisipaliteit wil graag alle inwoners wie nie bewus is van die vereiste om hul KIG te registreer en magtiging daarvoor te verkry nie, in kennis te stel dat hierdie genadeperiode vir aansoeke sluit op 31 Desember 2025. Sodra hierdie genade tyd verskryk het, kan ’n diensfooi gehef word.

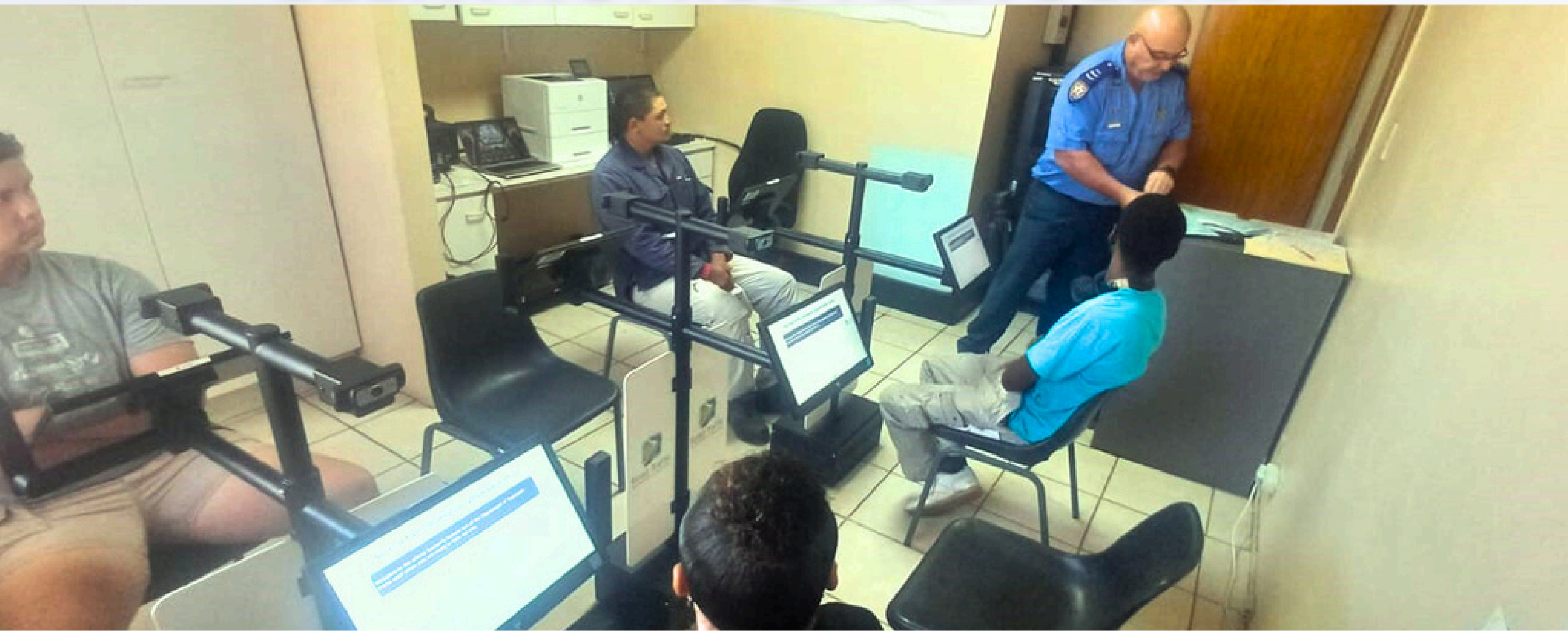
Om die aanlyn aansoekvorm te voltooi, besoek apply.sseg.org.za

Vir meer inligting besoek: http://www.bergmun.org.za/registration-small-scale-embedded-generation

DIENSLEWERING: TOT VOORDEEL VAN ONS GEMEENSKAPPE

Ons dien met trots!

LEERLINGLISENSIE KLASSE WORD ELEKTRONIES AANGEBIED



Bergrivier Munisipaliteit se leerlinglisensie klasse in Piketberg, Porterville en Velddrif is onlangs toegerus (*tablets*) met nuwe elektroniese leerlinglisensie toerusting. Hierdie toerusting is deur die Padverkeer Bestuurskorporasie geïnstalleer en word tans by alle toetssentrums uitgerol.

Cavin Cornelissen, Hoof: Verkeersdienste by Bergrivier Munisipaliteit, sê die doel van hierdie elektroniese-stelsel is om korrupsie te verhoed en dienslewering te bevorder. "Die stelsel kies self vrae uit 'n databasis van ongeveer 1 500 moontlike vrae," het Cornelissen gesê.

Hierdie nuwe tegnologie is direk gekoppel aan die Nasionale Verkeersinligtingstelsel (NAVIS). Voornemende kandidate word aangemoedig om gebruik te maak van die studie materiaal op die NAVIS webtuiste www.natis.gov.za, om deeglik voor te berei vir hul leerlinglisensie toets.

Enige navrae kan gerig word aan u naaste Verkeerskantoor in u area.

Hierdie stelsel affekteer geensins die huidige aansoek prosedure nie.

INTERNAL AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT AWARENESS

Bergrivier Municipality's Internal Audit and Risk Management Department trained more than 100 officials in February 2025, as part of its drive to empower staff to identify risks within their units, promote good ethical behaviour in the workplace and to be proactive in the fight against fraud and corruption. In this photo (centre) is Msizi Mseleni (Internal Auditor) explaining risk management concepts to staff.

PIKET IMPLEMENTE ONTVANG SPESIALE TOEKENNING

Bergrivier Munisipaliteit se Munisipale Bestuurder, Adv. Hanlie Linde, het Piket Implemente se bestuurspan met 'n spesiale toekenning vereer vir 90 jaar se besigheids-sukses en vir die onlangse opening van hul Piket Implemente Museum- die eerste besigheid in die dorp om dit te doen. Beide kliënte en toeriste is welkom om die museum te besoek gedurende kantoor ure. Geniet die ervaring!

Goeie Afvalbestuurspraktyke

Wat is Onwettige Storting?

Onwettige Storting is wanneer mense, vir hul eie gerief, afval weggooi op plekke wat nie geskik is vir hierdie aktiwiteit nie. Storting kan wissel vanaf 'n enkele stuk afval wat u uit u voertuig se venster gooi, tot grootmaat storting van bourommel of ander gevaarlike afval in afgeleë areas.

Die weggooi van afval soos bourommel, leë houers, mediese afval, tuinrommel en huishoudelike vullis in oop-ruimtes wat nie geskik is vir vullisverwydering nie, is onwettig.

Neem verantwoordelikheid vir u eie afval deur u items na u naaste versamelingsplek in u dorp te neem, of plaas dit in toepaslike vullisdromme in u dorp, of op u vullisverwyderingsdag uit vir verwydering deur die Munisipaliteit.

Hoekom moet u nie vullis stort nie?

- Dit maak u hele buurt vuil
- Dit veroorsaak dat vlieë, bosluise en kakkerlakke broei
- Skerp voorwerpe soos glas en roesagtige metale kan beserings veroorsaak
- Materiale soos mediese afval kan gevaarlike infeksies versprei
- Vullis laat 'n walglike reuk agter

Wat kan u doen?

- Gooi u afval by u naaste vullisversamelingsplekke weg
- Ondersteun en maak ander bewus van die belangrikheid om ons omgewing skoon te hou
- Gebruik herbruikbare houers
- Meld onwettige storting aan

Indien u enige storting wil aanmeld, kontak Jamie-Lee van Zyl 022 913 6000 of stuur 'n e-pos na vanzyljl@bergmun.org.za

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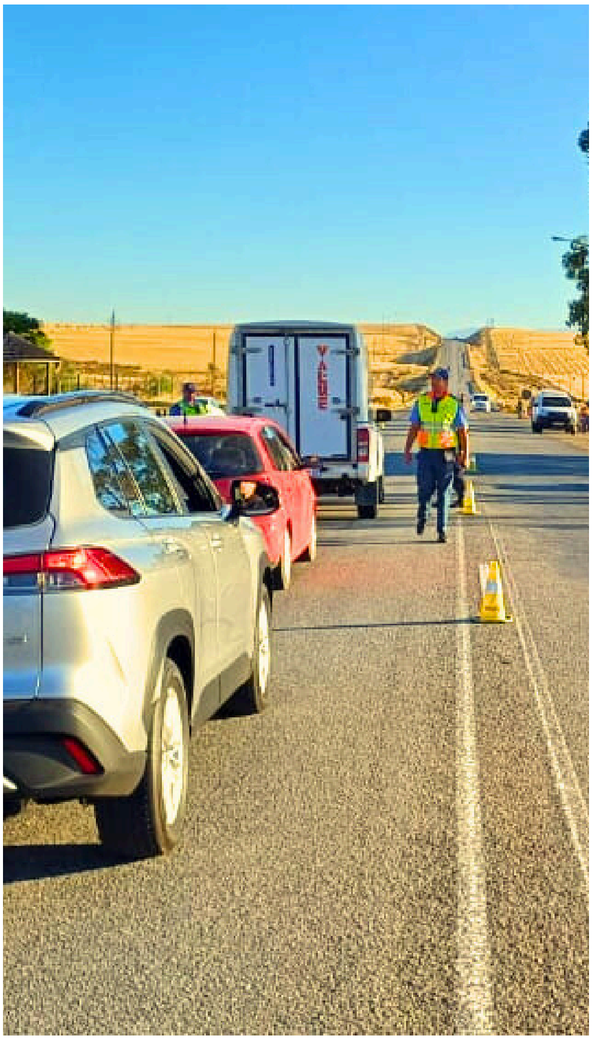
#HOU BERGRIVIER MUNISIPALITEIT SKOON

VEILIGHEIDSOPERASIES VERSEKER GEMEENSKAPSWELSTAND

Bergrivier Munisipaliteit se Verkeersdienste het gedurende die feesseisoen verlede jaar, 'n toestroming van besoekers, veral in Velddrif, ervaar, wat gelei het tot veiligheidsrisikos op die paaie en 'n styging in verkeersvolumes.

Die Munisipaliteit se Verkeersdiens Departement het 'n gestruktureerde drie-fase-plan (van November 2024 tot Januarie 2025) geïmplementeer, om moontlike padongelukke te voorkom. Hierdie departement het ook op die bestuur van hoërisikogebiede en algemene openbare veiligheid gefokus. Cavin Cornelissen, Hoof: Verkeersdienste by Bergrivier Munisipaliteit, sê die hoofdoel van die operasies was om 'n veilige en voorvalvrye feesseisoen vir alle inwoners, motoriste en besoekers te skep.

Die Munisipaliteit, in samewerking met SAPD en plaaslike Nooddienspersoneel, het ses (6) padblokkades, 63 voertuigkontrolepunte en 17 spaza-winkelinspeksies, uitgevoer. Ten spyte van een noodlottige ongeluk, was die operasies verklaar as suksesvol. Ons dien met trots!



WATER TREATMENT WORKS RECEIVES R15 MILLION IN UPGRADES - BOOSTING SUPPLY & EFFICIENCY IN PIKETBERG

Bergrivier Municipality has invested R15.65 million in major upgrades to its water treatment works facility in Piketberg, ensuring safer, more reliable drinking water for the community.

The project, which is funded through the Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) and municipal funds, began in May 2024 and is expected to be completed by April 2025.

Key improvements include:

- New Wash Water Recovery Pump Station to improve water conservation;
- Upgraded Raw Water Pump Station, security features, and access walkways;
- Enhanced sludge drying beds and settling tanks for better efficiency;
- New office, laboratory, and ablution facility to support operations.

These upgrades will ensure compliance with SANS 241 water quality standards and improve infrastructure for long-term sustainability. Future plans include a circular sludge thickener for better sludge management.

MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Bergrivier Municipality's Municipal Public Accounts Committee (MPAC) plays an oversight role on behalf of Council, to ensure that the senior management team within the Municipality utilises municipal resources efficiently. In addition to this, MPAC promotes good governance, transparency, accountability and monitors unauthorised, irregular and fruitless and wasteful expenditure. Below (in the photo) from left is Chris de Jager, Cllr. Audrey Small, Ald. Adam du Plooy (Chairperson), Ald. Samantha Lesch and Nick Stevens. Absent is: J Botha.

JAAR-EIND FUNKSIE 2024

HOW TO OBTAIN BUILDING PLAN APPROVAL

In South Africa, it is legally required to obtain building plan approval before starting any construction, renovation, or extension of your home. Here's a professional step-by-step guide to help you navigate the process.

Step-by-Step Guide:

1. Consult with the Bergrivier Municipality:

- Seek advice from the relevant official at Bergrivier Municipality for guidance on building plan applications and legal requirements.
- Note: Since 1 July 2024, Bergrivier Municipality only accepts electronic building plan applications. Hardcopy submissions are allowed only in extreme cases.

2. Commencement with Drafting a Building Plan:

- Engage a SACAP Registered Professional: Choose a professional registered with the South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP) to design your building plans.
- Verification:
- Request the SACAP registration number from your architect or designer.
- Verify their registration by asking for a copy of their registration certificate.
- Detailed Discussion: Discuss your ideas and requirements thoroughly with your designer to ensure accurate plans.

3. Required documentation for Application:

- One (1) set of color building plans drawn by a registered professional.
- Relevant SANS 10400 forms completed by both the registered professional and the owner.
- Prescribed application form of Bergrivier Municipality (available for download from the website or via telephone request).
- Copy of the title deed (provided by the owner or obtained from the bank if the property is still under the bank's possession).
- Proof of payment (invoice provided via the portal after document upload).
- Any other documents required by the relevant official.

4. Registration and Submission:

- Register on the portal for the submission of building plan applications: Bergrivier Municipality Building Plan Submission Portal.

5. Application Check:

- Ensure your building plan aligns with zoning regulations. Contact the Town Planning department at Bergrivier Municipality (022 913 6000) if in doubt.
- Depending on your application type, additional documentation may be required for departments such as health, fire, traffic, environmental, water & sanitation, and stormwater management. Contact these departments prior to application to ensure compliance.

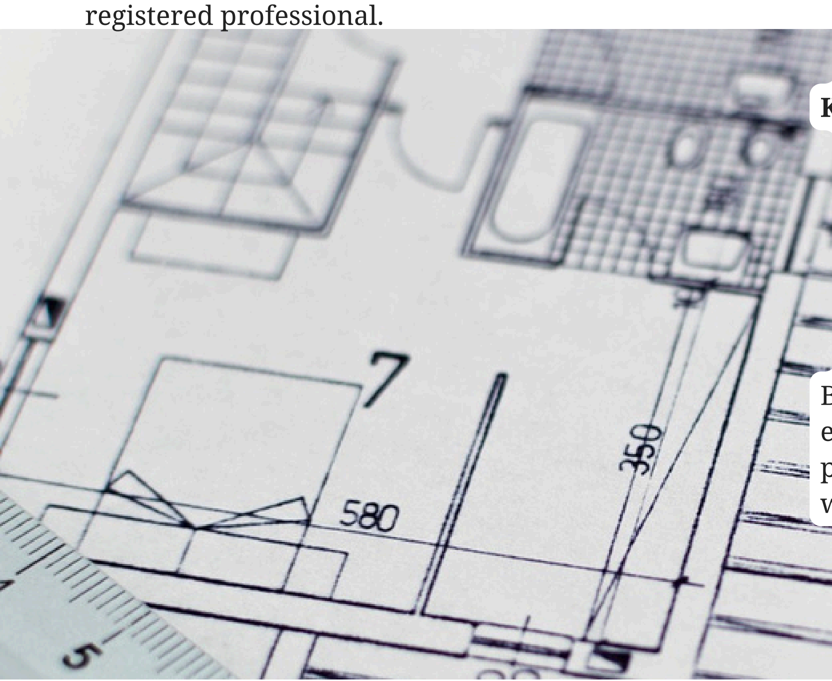
6. Building Control Review:

- The Building Control Department will review your plan for compliance with all relevant legislation and will inform you in writing about any outstanding items on the application.
- Note: Applicants will be notified via portal, email, or telephone once building plans are approved.

Key points to remember:

- Building without approval may result in fines, demolition, and stop orders.
- Only registered professionals with SACAP can practice architecture.
- Ensure your plan is accurate to avoid delays.
- Submit all required documents to avoid delays.

By following these steps, you will ensure a smooth and efficient journey through the building plan approval process. Bergrivier Municipality is always ready to assist with any queries related to your application.



FINANSIËLE BYSTAND VIR HULPBEHOEWENDES IN BERGMUN

Deernissubsidies bied die volgende finansiële bystand aan hulpbehoewende huishoudings:

- ’n Huishouding wat aansoek wil doen se totale inkomste (van al die lede wat woonagtig in die huis en op die erf is) moet nie die bedrag van R5 000.00 per maand oorskry nie;
- Die rekeninghouer moet ’n staatspensioen of ’n ongeskiktheidstoelaag ontvang;
- Die hoof van die huishouding en familie moet die perseel voltyds bewoon;
- Die hoof en die familie mag nie die wettige eienaar wees van 'n ander eiendom nie; en
- Die behoeftige se aansoekvorm moet volledig voltooi en by u naaste munisipale kantoor ingedien word.

Alle aansoeke van gestremde individue of pensioenarisse (SASSA) moet die volgende dokumentasie bevat:

- Bewys van beide eienaars se pensioen- of ongeskiktheidstoelaag (bankstaat of polisie verklaring);
- Eienaar(s) van die eiendom se gesertifiseerde ID-afskrif; en
- Onlangse munisipale rekening.

Alle ander aansoekers (werkloos of werkend):

- Bewys van inkomste van alle inwoners op die betrokke perseel (betaalstrokie of bankstaat)
- Werklose individue kan hul werkloosheids-versekeringskaart aanheg, saam met ’n beëdigde verklaring wat werkloosheid bevestig;
- Seisoenwerkers moet hul IRP5-vorm aanheg;
- Heg ’n onlangse munisipale rekening aan;
- Heg gesertifiseerde ID-afskrifte aan van alle individue wat op die perseel woon en ouer as 18 jaar is; en
- Heg skoolrapporte of bewys van skoolbywoning aan vir alle kinders wat op die perseel woonagtig is.

Alle kwalifiserende aansoekers sal die volgende gratis dienste ontvang:

- 50kwh elektisiteit per maand (verpligte elektrisiteitsboks-beperking op 20 ampère);
- Eerste 6kl water;
- Die basiese fooi ten opsigte van water; en
- Riool en vullisverwydering.

Deernisbeampte (Velddrif)
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Deernisbeampte (Piketberg)
Mabel Fortuin
022 913 6061

Deernisbeampte (Porterville)
Nathalie Wagenstroom
022 931 8420

EVERY DROP COUNTS - USE WATER WISELY!

REPORT FRAUD

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

All communication is treated with sensitivity and strictly confidential.

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Piketberg E-Sentrum

DIENSTE BESKIKBAAR:

- Gebruik van rekenaars
- Toegang tot die internet
- Toegang tot e-pos dienste
- Drukwerk (beperk tot 10 bladsye per persoon per dag)
- Basiese rekenaaropleiding
- Toegang tot regeringsinligting en dienste
- Geakkrediteerde rekenaaropleiding

Om toegang tot die E-sentrum te kry, besoek gerus die Pietie Fredericks Jeugsentrum in Piketberg via Gousblomstraat.

Oop Maan tot Don:

- *08:30 tot 17:00*

Oop Vrydae:

- *08:30 tot 16:30*

BESOEK DIE E-SENTRUM VANDAG

Vir meer inligting:

Anne-lee Maarman: Sentrum Administrateur by 062 011 3775 of Austin Hanse: Assistent Administrateur by 072 491 3148.

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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 voorsien

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 ontwikkelingsbehoeftes 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 noue 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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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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