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BERGRIVIER MUNICIPALITY TO REFRAIN FROM SPRAYING SIDEWALKS, PARKS OR OPEN SPACES DURING ITS BLOSSOMING SEASON

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Bergrivier Municipality understands the importance of its blossoming season and the value that wild flowers bring during this period, making it a popular tourist attraction.

The Municipality took a decision to delay all spraying of side walks, parks and open spaces in the various towns, to provide sufficient time for the blooming period to complete its annual cycle.

The flowering season started late in August 2022, and is only expected to come to an end by late October 2022. David Carolissen, Manager: Community Services at Bergrivier Municipality, mentioned that the Municipality values the local ecosystem and has therefore taken a decision not to interfere with the blooming of the different kind of plant species. "This course of action will enable us to preserve important plant species, by allowing all wild plants to blossom in an undisturbed environment in which they can seed and mature. As much as we love that our residents and visitors can enjoy a beautiful display of colors and fragrances, these areas also serve as corridors of conservation as well", said Carolissen.

The Municipality is aware that by delaying the spraying service for the next two months, there will be certain areas where patches will come across as untidy. "We will be monitoring they sidewalks, parks and open spaces very closely over the next two months, to ensure that these are kept neat and continues to promote the beauty of our towns," said Carolissen. He concluded by saying: "By allowing fauna to grow naturally during this period, it will significantly contribute to sustaining a quality local ecosystem".

Bergrivier Municipality encourages all people, both local and tourists, to visit this beautiful region to enjoy some of the most scenic views in the West Coast District, witness an array of stunning wild flowers, all in a tranquil environment.

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The spraying of sidewalks, parks and open spaces will resume as from 1 November 2022.



Caption: Flowers blossoming in Piketberg.

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