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## **BERGRIVIER MUNICIPALITY WELCOMES NEWLY APPOINTED MANAGER: ADMINISTRATION AND LEGAL SUPPORT SERVICES**

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“I’m really glad to be part of Bergrivier Municipality’s dynamic team and I look forward to adding my contribution, in an effort to create prosperous communities where all people are empowered to reach their full potential. In this way, hope and prosperity becomes building blocks of our communities for generations to come”.

So says Advocate (Adv) Lizelle Roos, who had recently been permanently appointed as the new Manager: Administration and Legal Support Services. She assumed office as from 03 January 2023.

Her role as the new Manager: Administration and Legal Support Services is to ensure that her department functions effectively and purposefully, not only on a day-to-day basis, but with the strategic goals and vision of the municipality in mind.

“Legal support services is essential for ensuring that local government operates and functions within the Constitutional framework and adheres to the law in general. Sound knowledge and application of legal principles, due diligence and compliance ensures accountability and responsiveness, not only on an intergovernmental basis, but also in respect of the output which a local authority has on local communities within its jurisdiction,” said Roos.

Roos was born in Pretoria (City of Tshwane), Gauteng. After completing her matric year in 1995, Roos furthered her studies at a tertiary level and obtained the following qualifications: Bachelor’s degree at the University of South Africa (Unisa) in 2008, specializing in private law and criminology. In 2013, she enrolled at the University of Pretoria where she completed her Bachelor’s degree in Law (LLB), specialising in information- and telecommunication law. In 2017, Roos then completed her Master’s in Law (LLM) at the University of Pretoria and passed with *Cum Laudé*.

Roos began her career as a paralegal in 1998 and later became an article clerk at Bloch Gross & Associates - one of the oldest law firms in Gauteng, if not South Africa. She later practised as an

independent attorney, and during 2017, she was called to the Bar. In the very same year, Roos completed her pupillage and was admitted as an advocate of the High Court of South Africa.

Apart from being an advocate, she is also a qualified and accredited mediator. Roos is both nationally and internationally accredited as a mediator.

“Community is much more than belonging to something; it’s about doing something together that makes belonging matter,” is one of her favourite quotes from Brian Solis.

According to Roos, she was very impressed with the breathtaking views one can find in the Bergrivier Municipal Area and couldn’t help but notice how clean the towns are in the region. “The roads are in a good condition, and I especially enjoy the people’s company over here. It is a community where people still care for each other and every individual’s contribution matters,” said Roos.

Apart from her busy career, Roos tries her best to make time for her hobbies which include art and photography- she creates, collects and appreciates it. In fact, she obtained her National Diploma in Fine Art from Tshwane University of Technology in 2001. She loves spending time in nature, going sight-seeing and is an animal lover.

“I would like to thank Bergrivier Municipality and its communities for the opportunity that I have been given to, not only make a difference, but to also become part of the Bergrivier family. I have taken the vision of Bergrivier Municipality to heart and am honoured to be part of this great journey, where we all want to live, work, learn and play in a dignified manner,” concluded Adv. Roos.



*Manager: Administration & Legal Support Services, Adv. Lizelle Roos*

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