

BERGRIVIER BULLETIN

Quarterly External Municipal Newsletter



New beginnings: Bergrivier Municipality in partnership with the Western Cape Government, proudly handed over keys to 10 beneficiaries of the 45 Rooibos Eendekuil Project on Wednesday, 30 July 2025. Another step forward in restoring dignity through housing. We serve with pride in Bergrivier!

NEW BEGINNINGS IN EENDEKUIL: TEN FAMILIES RECEIVE KEYS TO THEIR NEW HOMES



On Wednesday, 30 July 2025, ten excited beneficiaries in Eendekuil received the keys to their brand-new homes as part of the 45 Rooibos Eendekuil Project.

The Executive Mayor of Bergrivier Municipality, Alderman Ray van Rooy, including the Deputy Executive Mayor, Alderman Mario Wessels and Speaker Alderman Rhandall Swarts, accompanied the Western Cape Minister of Infrastructure, Tertius Simmers, to the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Van Rooy explained that this important milestone brings dignity, security, and hope to the new homeowners and forms part of the broader commitment to providing quality housing opportunities to the communities within the Bergrivier Municipal Area.

Speaking at the handover, Minister Simmers highlighted the life-changing impact of the project, noting that a house is more than bricks and mortar - it is the foundation for building a better future and creating safer communities.

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DIENSLEWERING IN AKSIE

Opknapping van Aurora Reservoir en Water Pompstasie - herstel van lekkasies, waterdigting en bou van formele struktuur



Aurora opgaardam: Voor



Aurora opgaardam: Na



Opgeknapte water opgaardam in Aurora



Waterpompstasie in Aurora word opgegradeer



Your electricity,
in your hands
anytime.



Skip the queues and bring convenience into your life. Visit bergrivier.ontec.co.za to register your profile and start purchasing prepaid electricity from your phone today.



Ontec: New prepaid electricity service provider

Bergrivier Municipality appointed Ontec as its new prepaid electricity service provider (since 1 August 2025).

Any payments made for prepaid electricity via the WireIt App will no longer be processed as this specific service has been discontinued.

The only official and trusted source where residents can now purchase prepaid electricity digitally is on Ontec's platform (bergrivier.ontec.co.za).

If you have already purchased prepaid electricity via the WireIt App, to get a refund, send your meter number, proof of payment and banking details to WireIt @ 067 955 0410 (only WhatsApp messages).

Ontec: Nuwe voorafbetaalde elektrisiteitsdiensverskaffer

Bergrivier Munisipaliteit het sedert 1 Augustus 2025 vir Ontec as die nuwe voorafbetaalde elektrisiteitsdiensverskaffer aangestel.

Enige betalings vir voorafbetaalde elektrisiteit wat deur die WireIt-App gemaak word, sal nie meer aanvaar word nie aangesien hierdie spesifieke diens gestaak is.

Die enigste amptelike en betroubare bron waar inwoners nou voorafbetaalde elektrisiteit digitaal kan aankoop, is op Ontec se platvorm (bergrivier.ontec.co.za).

Indien u reeds voorafbetaalde elektrisiteit deur die WireIt-App gekoop het, stuur u meternommer, bewys van betaling en bankbesonderhede na WireIt by 067 955 0410 (slegs WhatsApp Boodskappe) om 'n terugbetaling te kry.

WIREIT SERVICES HAVE
BEEN **DISCONTINUED**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Do I have to register a profile on Ontec before I can purchase electricity?

It's a once-off registration process.

There are a few ways one can purchase electricity:

1. The first is registering a profile on bergrivier.ontec.co.za
2. The second is at a local vendor - see list on page
3. Via your banking app at "Buy Electricity"

Can I purchase electricity via Absa Bank?

Yes, however, you will have to make use of "Payshap" or an immediate bank transfer to get your tokens instantly. Normal banking fees will apply. If you choose not to pay the fee, your electricity token could take up to 48 hours to be received.

Can I purchase prepaid electricity via WireIt?

No, all WireIt services has been discontinued. The platform cannot issue prepaid electricity units to residents anymore.

How do I get registered on the Ontec platform?

There is a six (6) step process to get registered on the Ontec platform.

1. Register
2. Login
3. Click on meter registration
4. Complete consumer details
5. Purchase a prepaid resource - **use reference starting with "BM" and making payment through your banking app. If you are not using the 'BM' reference code then you will not receive your tokens.**
6. Receive your tokens

For more details visit Bergrivier Municipality's website at:

<https://www.bergmun.org.za/step-step-guide-online-purchases-ontecs-prepaid-electricity-system>





PIKETBERG SE HOOF-SUBSTASIE KRY R15 MILJOEN SE OPGRADERINGS

Bergrivier Munisipaliteit het meer as R15 miljoen belê in onlangse opgraderings van die hoof-substasie in Piketberg, om te verseker dat inwoners en einge toekomstige ontwikkelinge op die langtermyn 'n betroubare elektrisiteitsvoorsiening ontvang.

Die opgradering van Piketberg se hoof-substasie is 'n drie-fase projek, waarvan twee fases reeds suksesvol voltooi is en die finale fase nog voorlê.

Jan Erasmus, Bestuurder: Elektriese Ingenieursdienste by Bergrivier Munisipaliteit, het genoem dat die opgraderings toekomstige netwerkuitbreiding moontlik sal maak. "Die nuwe toerusting wat geïnstalleer word, stel ons in staat om voorsiening te maak vir verdere behuisingontwikkelings en 'n groeiende ekonomie," sê Erasmus. Erasmus het bygevoeg dat die lewensduur van die substasie is met 30 jaar verleng.

Die nuut geïnstalleerde toerusting maak dit makliker om enige elektriese uitdagings aan te spreek, en beter beskermingsmaatreëls is in plek om die toevoerkringe te beveilig.

Erasmus het verduidelik dat wanneer elektrisiteitsonderbrekings plaasvind, daar minder afhanklikheid van Eskom sal wees om die probleem op te los, wat lei tot vinniger hersteltydperke vir inwoners.

Daar is toekomstige planne om dele van die hoofsubstasies in Velddrif en Porterville op te gradeer.





STAP EN TRAP INISIATIEF

SAAM LOOP ONS, SAAM STAAN ONS TEEN ONREG

Bergrivier Munisipaliteit se Kantoor van die Uitvoerende Burgemeester het vanjaar weer die jaarlikse *Bergrivier Stap en Trap-inisiatief* vanaf 2 tot 9 Augustus 2025 aangedurf.

Die hoofdoel is om mense uit alle gemeenskappe bymekaar te bring om een stem te maak teen misdaad, geslagsgebaseerde geweld, huishoudelike geweld en sosiale ongeregtighede. Die deelnemers het deur elke dorp binne die Bergrivier Munisipale Gebied gestap en getrap en het 'n afstand van meer as 300km gedek.

"Ons wil 'n positiewe verskil maak in die lewens van al ons inwoners. Elke inwoner in ons gemeenskap moet 'n vooruitstrewende lewe kan lei. Dit is nie net ons plig om op te staan teen geweld, tienierswangerskap en al die sosiale euwels in ons gemeenskappe nie, maar ook om bewusmaking te bring aan mense wat met gestremde hede leef, met gelyke respek te behandel," het Raadsheer Ray van Rooy, gesê.



**ONS GEVEG IS
TEEN ALLE ONREG**



INVESTING IN THE FUTURE: LOTYDE INITIATIVE DESIGNED TO PREPARE TOMORROWS LEADERS

Bergvriër Municipality firmly believes that its future lies in the hands of its youth. At this year's Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Development Expo (LoTYDE) which took place on Friday, 1 August 2025, Executive Mayor Alderman Ray van Rooy encouraged learners to dream big and embrace their potential, to excel in their future endeavors.

The exhibition, held at Steynville Primary School in Piketberg, connected Grade 11 and 12 learners with top tertiary institutions, government departments, and employers. Learners explored study options, bursary opportunities, and career paths — all aimed at helping them make informed, confident decisions about their futures.

Beyond academics, the day was filled with entertainment, prize giveaways, and interactive exhibits. With performances, lucky draws, and goodie bags, the event celebrated both learning and fun — showing once again that Bergvriër is investing in a smarter, and more empowered youth.



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 200.00 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 eienaars wees van 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 indien:

- 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 werkloosheidsversekeringskaart 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.



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SEPTEMBER 2025

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BERGRIVIER MUNISIPALITEIT

ONS DIEN MET TROTS



SMME WERKSWINKELS VIND PLAAS IN OKT 2025

VERGADERING DATUMS:

Velddrif - 10 Oktober 2025

(Velddrif Stadsaal)

09:00 - 13:00

Porterville - 16 Oktober 2025

(N.Otto Gemeenskapsaal)

09:00 - 13:00

Piketberg - 24 Oktober 2025

(Piketberg Biblioteek)

09:00 - 13:00

Kom leer meer:

- ✓ CIDB & NHBRC
- ✓ CSD & SEDA
- ✓ SARS

Fokus area sal wees:

Alle diensverskaffers wat goedere en dienste aan Bergrivier Munisipaliteit lewer

Bespreek u sitplek deur Revedy Hendricks (Senior Rekenmeester VKB)
by HendricksR@bergmun.org.za



Bergrivier Munisipaliteit het Vrouedag met groot sukses en gemeenskapsbetrokkenheid in Velddrif gevier.





SMME WORKSHOPS

TO BE HELD IN OCT 2025

MEETING DATES:**Velldrif - 10 October 2025**

(Velldrif Town Hall)

09:00 - 13:00

Porterville - 16 October 2025

(N.Otto Community Hall)

09:00 - 13:00

Piketberg - 24 October 2025

(Piketberg Library)

09:00 - 13:00

Educate yourself about:

- ✓ CIDB & NHBRC
- ✓ CSD & SEDA
- ✓ SARS

Focus area will be:

All service providers who
provide goods and services
to Bergrivier Municipality

Reserve your seat by sending an email to
Revedy Hendricks (Senior Accountant
SCM) at HendricksR@bergmun.org.za



BERGRIVIER MUNICIPALITY HOSTS GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR 20 GRADUATE PEACE OFFICERS

Bergrivier Municipality celebrated the graduation of 20 local Peace Officers on 30 June 2025 at the Allan Boesak Community Hall in Piketberg. Western Cape Minister of Police Oversight and Community Safety, Anroux Marais, commended their dedication, calling them guardians of their communities. The graduates completed accredited training through Cape Town's Public Training College and received certificates as Peace Officers and Traffic Wardens. They will support municipal law enforcement, visible policing, and public safety.

Bergrivier Municipality thanks the Western Cape Government for empowering our youth and enhancing local safety.



GOLDEN GAMES 2025 IN PIKETBERG

“The Golden Games have become a highlight on our annual calendar, and the competition grows fiercer each year,” said Alderman Ray van Rooy, Executive Mayor of Bergrivier Municipality.

He praised the senior citizens as “the foundation and pillars of strength” of local communities.

Held on Wednesday, 17 September 2025 at Rhino Park Sports Field in Piketberg, the event brought together at least 150 seniors from 10 service centres across the region.

Organised by Bergrivier Municipality in partnership with Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport, West Coast District Municipality, Department of Social Development, and Right to Care, the Games featured friendly competition in events like Jukskei, Rugby Ball Throw, Sprints, Brisk Walk, and more, showcasing the energy and spirit of our senior citizens.

Senior citizens are the custodians of indigenous knowledge and continue to play a vital role in our communities,” said Alderman Ray van Rooy, Executive Mayor of Bergrivier Municipality. “We celebrate your wisdom, life experience, and the skills you pass on to the youth.”

The Golden Games connect seniors from across the region, promoting healthy living through fun and friendly competition.

All participants received medals in recognition of their enthusiasm and sporting spirit.

Van Rooy thanked all stakeholders and encouraged seniors to continue inspiring their communities.





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ZERO TOLERANCE ON CORRUPTION: In this photo (from left) is Irvin-Dane Pietersen (Assistant Internal Auditor), Akona Mpahlwa (Risk Officer) and Msizi Mseleni (Head: Internal Auditor).

REPORT FRAUD AND CORRUPTION

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 email: 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

DIE SANDGAT PROJEK 'N BELEGGING IN SPORT EN REKREASIE IN LAAIPEK

Bergrivier Munisipaliteit, in vennootskap met die Velddrif Soutmaatskappy en inwoners van Velddrif, het op Dinsdag, 23 September 2025, die “Die Sandgat Projek” in Laaipelek amptelik onthul. Die grond is deur die Velddrif Soutmaatskappy gelyk gemaak en omhein, en is daar ook rugby-/sokkerpale geïnstalleer vir plaaslike sportaktiwiteite. Hierdie samewerking tussen plaaslike regering, privaat sektor en die gemeenskap is ’n ware bewys van goeie vennootskappe binne die Bergrivier Munisipale Area. Die Munisipaliteit is baie opgewonde oor die verskeie sportaktiwiteite wat op hierdie terrein gaan plaasvind.





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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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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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