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# Newsletter

## Drakenstein Municipality relaxes water restriction conditions

Drakenstein residents can now use hosepipes and micro irrigation systems after Drakenstein Municipality relaxed the current Level 3 water restrictions on 1 March 2019. Residents are allowed to use 180 litres of water per person per day, while the municipal water tariffs remain the same.

Some of the restriction conditions applying to all water consumers are:

- **Watering/irrigation** (with potable water from municipal supply) of gardens, lawns, flowerbeds and other plants, vegetable gardens, sports fields, parks and other open spaces is allowed only by using a bucket, watering container or handheld hosepipe before 10:00 and after 16:00, and watering is only allowed on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Automatic sprinkler systems are also allowed.
- **Common areas at gated villages**, sports facilities, schools, learning institutions, nurseries, as well as consumers involved in agricultural activities, users of historical gardens and arboretums can apply to the Executive Director: Engineering Services at [Dirk.Hattingh@drakenstein.gov.za](mailto:Dirk.Hattingh@drakenstein.gov.za) for exemption from the above. The same applies to consumers with special requirements (such as care facilities and animal shelters).
- **Consumers who were exempted** from previous restriction levels, need not apply for exemptions.
- **No watering/irrigation** is allowed within 48 hours of rainfall that provides adequate saturation, except if the facilities or consumers use boreholes, treated effluent water, spring water or well points.

- **Washing or rinsing of vehicles**, motorcycles or motorboats, movable or immovable structures, paths, pavements and paved areas (except for health purposes), is allowed only by using a bucket of water container or a handheld hosepipe, fitted with an automatic self-closing device.
- **Topping up or filling of swimming pools** with municipal drinking water is allowed only if the pool is fitted with a non-permeable solid pool cover. Automatic pool top-up systems are allowed. Water wise pool management, including rainwater top-up and the recovery of backwash water, is strongly encouraged.

**The Level 3 domestic water tariffs (excluding 15% VAT) are:**

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| • 0 to ≤ 6 kl    | - R5.92/kl   |
| • >6 to ≤ 10 kl  | - R12.07/kl  |
| • >10 to ≤ 15 kl | - R15.81/kl  |
| • >15 to ≤ 30 kl | - R20.51/kl  |
| • >30 to ≤ 50 kl | - R87.12/kl  |
| • >50 to ≤ 80 kl | - R187.19/kl |
| • Above 80kl     | - R300.64/kl |

### All Girls' Festival bring ekonomiese inspuiting vir Drakenstein

Drakenstein sien uit daarna om die National All Girls' Sport and Culture Festival, 'n uitstekende platform vir leierskap en sosiale integrasie, in die Paarl te verwelkom van 1 tot 4 Mei 2019. Dié inisiatief is twee dekades gelede deur skoolhoofde van Suid-Afrikaanse openbare meisieskole begin en groei elke jaar. Vanjaar neem 22 skole deel - van tot sover as Queenstown, Durban en Oos-Londen.

Dié toernooi sal na verwagting sowat 1 320 leerders, opvoeders en afrigters na Drakenstein lok, wat weer eens bevestig dat dié bestemming se gewildheid as sportgasheerstad toeneem. "Gebeurtenisse soos die All Girls' Festival sorg ook vir 'n ekonomiese inspuiting vir Drakenstein, asook vir 'n positiewe impak op ons gemeenskap," sê Uitvoerende Burgemeester Conrad Poole.

"Deelname aan kuns, kultuur en sport is van onskatbare waarde vir 'n gemeenskap. Dit bied leerders die geleentheid om sekere waardes aan te leer wat 'n indirekte positiewe invloed op ons gemeenskap en stad se sosio-ekonomiese ontwikkeling het," sê hy.

## Paarl CBD urban regeneration project makes progress

Drakenstein Municipality acknowledges the need for a closer working relationship between all role-players in the Paarl CBD (central business district). The Municipality is committed to developing a workable solution to ensure that it builds a sustainable partnership with the broader Paarl CBD community, with the ultimate aim of achieving a shared vision: building a city of excellence.

This work forms a part of the Drakenstein Municipality's Local Spatial Development Framework, which specifically focuses on the urban upgrading of five precincts in the municipal area, including the Paarl CBD.

To support the Municipality and partners with the necessary facilitation, the Western Cape Economic Development Partnership (EDP) was appointed in November 2018.

During the past two months the EDP has made great strides in facilitating an inclusive participatory process between the Municipality, community and business to develop a revised urban implementation plan for both the Paarl and Wellington CBDs that aligns with the Municipality's Vision 2032. This vision identified Catalytic Zone 4: North City Integration Corridor - consisting of Paarl, Mbekweni and Wellington - as a key spatial development zone. To date the EDP team has engaged with 16 organisations, and have had 42 interviews with various roleplayers

and stakeholders in the Paarl CBD. In addition, social media posts were initiated to generate interest not only from landowners in the Paarl CBD, but also from the users of the CBD.

A number of ideas were obtained, ranging from providing more recreational activities for youth and school children, to creating a cleaner, safer and more pedestrian-friendly environment. Further consultative sessions will be held between now and June 2019, after which a consolidated implementation plan will be agreed to by the relevant role-players.

To support this process, two internal cross-departmental teams have been set up within the Municipality. One team supports strategic partnership projects relating to urban development (i.e. a parking strategy, infill development and investment, and a story-telling and place-making initiative), and the other will address day-to-day improvements in urban management.

In addition to this, the Municipality continues to focus on the investment of bulk infrastructure in the Paarl CBD and surrounds.

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## Drakenstein Municipality launches operational borehole purification plant



Drakenstein Municipality has launched the Western Cape's first operational borehole water purification plant since the height of the epic drought that recently had the province in a tight grip. The Boy Louw Borehole Water Purification Plant in Paarl produces approximately 5 mega litres of purified water per day, which is being pumped into the municipal network.

Officially unveiled by Executive Mayor Conrad Poole on 21 February 2019, the plant consists of two reservoirs and seven storage containers filled with equipment, as well as a small office. The plant is being controlled automatically by a central intelligence control mechanism which ensures optimal use. A wireless radio telematics network enables the Municipality to remotely monitor and control the plant from the office.

"Should a day zero situation materialise in Drakenstein, this plant will ensure that every household will have receive 25 litres of water per person per day via the municipal water distribution network. That means people would receive water at their homes and would not have to queue for it," explains Executive Mayor Poole.

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