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# Newsletter

## Drakenstein Municipality's 2019/20 budget 'right for the community'

"Drakenstein Municipality's 2019/2020 budget is truly an expression of how the Municipality responded to all our stakeholders in doing what is right for our community, to the best of our abilities, in a caring manner," said Councillor Gert Combrink, Acting Executive Mayor of Drakenstein Municipality. Tabled on 31 May 2019, the R2.857 billion budget comprises of a R2.479 billion operating and R378 million capital budget.

### Restoring communities' pride and dignity through basic services and infrastructure

The Municipality will spend R107 million on bulk and basic infrastructure services for about 667 sites in the Vlakkeland Housing Project, as well as the construction of 487 new houses in the next financial year. Restoring the pride and dignity of communities in informal settlements, it will continue replacing doors of ablution facilities with recycled compressed plastic which has no resale value. The objective is to provide all 43 informal settlements in Drakenstein with dignified basic services.

### More clean drinking water and sanitation, better roads and storm water infrastructure

Improving the basic services of providing clean drinking water and sanitation, Drakenstein Municipality will spend R121.4 million, among others, on: a bulk water pipeline and a water treatment works at Saron; upgrading infrastructure at the Wellington and Paarl Waste Water Treatment Works; and the installation of purification equipment at boreholes. Integrated urban planning, economic growth and sustainable development start with a well-developed and maintained integrated road network. That is why the Municipality will invest altogether R27.5 million in a range of projects, including: the construction of Oosbosch Street from Berg River Boulevard to Jan van Riebeeck Road; traffic calming, traffic signals and traffic lights; and the tarring of sidewalks.

### Electrification of Informal Settlements

Drakenstein Municipality is allocating R10 million to the electrification of informal settlements, providing about 250 more informal structures with access to electricity in 2019/2020. The Municipality will spend a further R36.9 million on upgrading and/or replacing high tension, medium tension and low tension networks; upgrading of electricity substations; and on bulk electricity supply to the Vlakkeland Housing Project.

### Making a real difference to the lives of Drakenstein's poor and homeless

"We will focus on a multi-stakeholder intervention - including measures to support the provision of adequate shelter - and on job creation measures to proactively engage street people. Our aim is to reintegrate them into social family structures," said Acting Executive Mayor Combrink. He pointed out that the Municipality's current Credit Control Policy makes provision for subsidising indigent households with a monthly income threshold of up to R4 250. It is now proposed that the Municipality amends its policies and tariffs to give financial assistance to all households (people receiving SASSA (South Africa Social Security Agency) allowances, child-headed families, retired people, the disabled and the unemployed), based on a particular sliding scale.

### Helping people to create sustainable livelihoods

In 2019/2020, Drakenstein Municipality will build on its Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) successes of the previous financial year. "It is important for us to facilitate the creation of job opportunities in a fair and transparent manner, increase the chances of beneficiaries to create sustainable livelihoods, and improve service delivery. In 2019/2020, the Municipality is making provision for about 1 030 job opportunities at an estimated cost of R10.4 million."

### Getting smarter about safety

The first phase of the Drakenstein Smart Safety Network (DSSN) Project will be rolled out during 2019/2020 to an amount of R2.1 million. A partnership project between Drakenstein Municipality, the Provincial Department of Community Safety, South African Police Service, community-based safety organisations (neighbourhood and farm watches) and the private sector (security companies), the DSSN will offer a platform to work together and share information on safety and security incidents and threats in real time, using cutting-edge technology.

### Making the places where people meet more pleasant

Recognising the importance of places and spaces where the people of Drakenstein meet up to spend time with one another and their families, the Municipality will spend almost R26 million on the upgrading and construction of parks, swimming pools, and sporting infrastructure and facilities at Boy Louw, Newton, Dal Josaphat, Fairyland, De Kraal and Parys; and another R3.3 million on upgrading play parks and open spaces. In addition, R12 million has been allocated for the development and upgrading of cemeteries.



Here from left: Acting Executive Mayor Clr Gert Combrink, Speaker Aidan Stowman and City Manager Dr. Johan Leibbrandt with the 2019/2020 approved budget.

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## Simondium learners form human chain in support of road safety



Celebrating Youth Month, Drakenstein Municipality's Traffic Services division visited Simondium Primary School to raise awareness about road safety among the learners. The learners of the Simondium Primary School formed a human chain outside the school on the R45, while holding posters supporting road safety.

This was a combined initiative of the Municipality, the school, Western Cape Department of Transport and Public Works, Cape Winelands District Municipality, Road Accident Fund and the South African Police Service.

**'Let's work together to help improve our youth's future'**



Commemorating the Soweto youth uprising of 16 June 1976, Drakenstein Municipality held its official Youth Day event at the Saron Community Hall on 14 June 2019, featuring local entertainment, dancing, singing and a variety of sports activities. "This year, during Youth Month, we want to focus on skills development among our youth, on reducing unemployment and on combating drug abuse. Let's work together to help improve our youth's future," said Councillor Gert Combrink, Acting Executive Mayor of Drakenstein Municipality.

## Three 'mini' waste drop-off facilities opened in Mbekweni



Three new "mini" waste drop-off facilities have been opened in Mbekweni to help reduce litter and illegal dumping, prevent disease and vermin, and increase local employment opportunities. Drakenstein Municipality built the facilities specifically where littering, and illegal household and other refuse dumping are concentrated. Residents can now leave refuse at these facilities, which will be cleared daily and taken to the landfill site for responsible disposal, in partnership with the government's Extended Public Works Programme (EPWP). From the left: Carel Lotz, Thys Serfontein, Councillor Tembekile Mangena, Alderman Koos le Roux, Acting Executive Mayor Gert Combrink and Councillor Christophine Kearns.