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Uitvoerende Burgemeester Conrad Poole sê:

Baie welkom by die tweede uitgawe van ons nuwe e-nuusbrief, **Vars!**

Septembermaand is om verskeie redes 'n baie spesiale tyd van die jaar.

Dit is die begin van die lente, 'n tyd om die koue en donker van die winter af te skud en uit te sien na herlewing, vernuwing en 'n nuwe waardering van die kleurrike natuurskoon rondom ons. Tradisioneel word die maand nie slegs gesien as die oorgang van seisoene nie, maar ook gekoppel aan hernuwing en verandering in ander aspekte van ons daaglikse lewens.

Noudat Suid-Afrika op Vlak 2 van die inperking funksioneer, staar Drakenstein ook die uitdagings van ekonomiese en sosiale hernuwing in die gesig. Die meeste van ons besighede is reeds besig om hul deure oop te maak, en ons moet nou almal saamwerk om ons ekonomie te herbou. Ons moet verseker dat ons gereed is om weer toeriste van regoor die land by ons bestemming

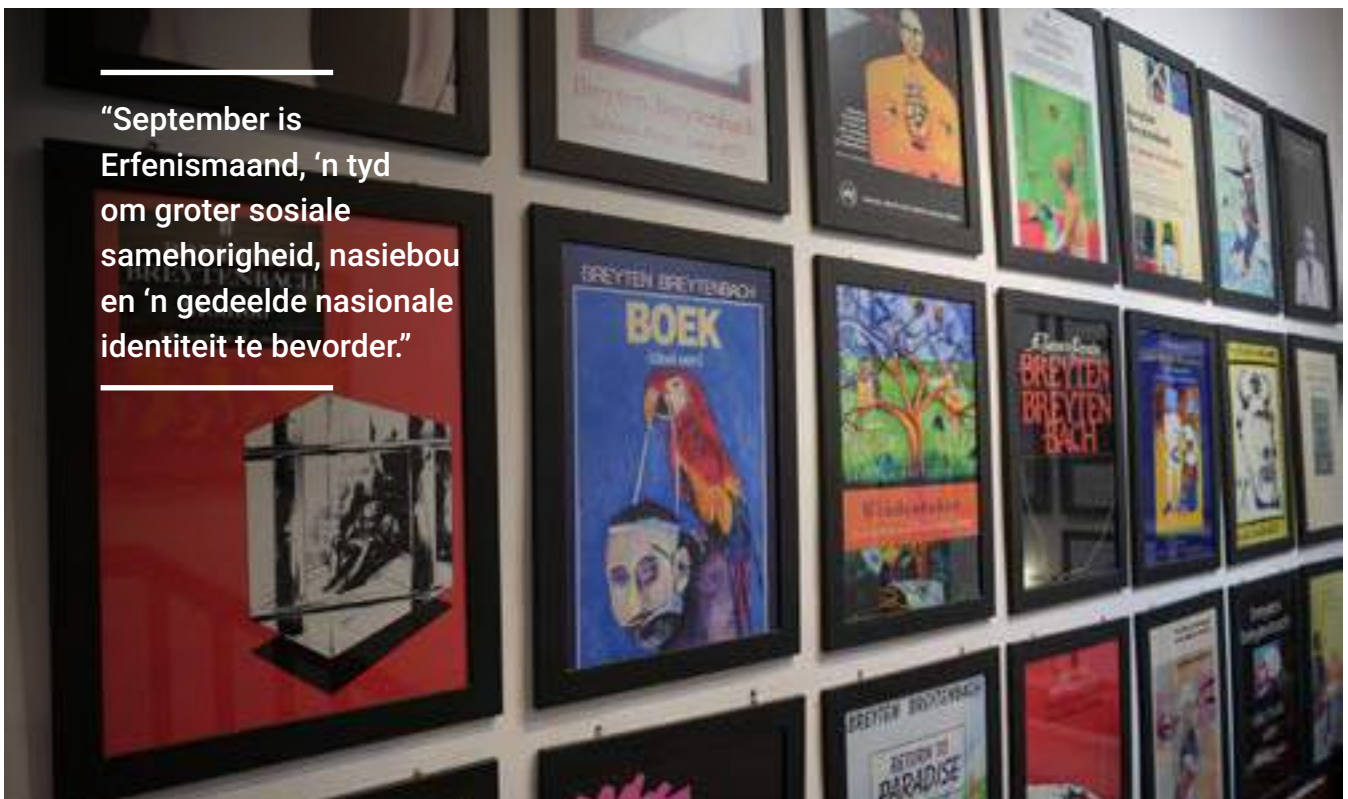
te verwelkom. Kom ons werk saam om die moontlike uitbreek van 'n tweede golf COVID-19 te keer deur ons maskers te dra, die reëls van sosiale distansiëring na te kom, en gereeld ons hande te was.

September is Erfenismaand, 'n tyd om groter sosiale samehörigheid, nasiebou en 'n gedeelde nasionale identiteit te bevorder. Ons almal moet die tradisies en gebruike wat vir die generasies voor ons belangrik was onthou, en sodoende ons tale, kookkuns, musiek en uiteenlopende kulturele erfenis vier.

In hierdie tyd moet ons onthou dat daar meer dinge is wat ons verenig, as wat daar is wat ons verdeel. 2020 was tot dusver 'n moeilike jaar vir sovele van die inwoners van ons munisipale gebied, ons provinsie en ons land. Nou, meer as ooit tevore, moet ons fokus op dit wat ons saamsnoer; nie op dit wat ons probeer verdeel nie.

Ek wens elkeen 'n geseënde maand toe.

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Drakenstein is open for 'Safe travels'

Drakenstein, which includes the timeless, charming towns of Paarl and Wellington, has officially been declared a safe travel destination that has world-class health and hygiene protocols for safe travel in place. This sought after destination is open and ready to welcome local and international tourists to share in its scenic splendour, fascinating historic and cultural diversity, and exhilarating adventure sport tourism offering.

This follows an application by the Drakenstein Local Tourism Association (DLTA) for the Safe Travels Stamp from the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC). The Safe Travels stamp enables travellers to identify destinations and businesses around the world which have adopted WTTC health and hygiene global norms and protocols. In South Africa, the Tourism Business Council of South Africa (TBCSA) was given the issuing rights for the WTTC Safe Travels stamp, which is considered the world's first ever global safety and hygiene stamp for travel and tourism.

"This is a great step towards #ReignitingTourism and restoring the confidence levels of the tourist in Drakenstein. It will assure tourists that Drakenstein is serious about their safety, and that our destination is practicing proper health and safety measures," says Alderman Conrad Poole, Executive Mayor of Drakenstein Municipality.

As a further precaution, all DLTA members are asked to sign the TBCSA safety protocol pledge, after which they are issued with a certificate of compliance, as well as an adaptation of the Drakenstein destination logos for use on websites and electronic platforms.

Drakenstein has developed into a "must visit" tick on the checklist of countless local and international tourists. And while there is no doubt that the COVID-19 pandemic has temporarily put many travel plans on hold, Drakenstein has been hard at work to ensure that as travel bans are being lifted, the destination and its tourism establishments are ready to welcome tourists back to #visitpaarl and #visitwellington.

Popular holiday destinations that have been awarded



Rhebokskloof Wine Estate near Paarl is ready to provide visitors with a safe tourism experience. Here are Jeremia Mangaliso (left) and Kurt Conradie (right) from Rhebokskloof with the establishment's pledge certificate and Safe Travels stamp.

the Safe Travels Stamp, include Turkey, Portugal and Mauritius. The motivation for Drakenstein to be awarded this status was based on: its quick and rigorous adoption of recommended hygiene and sanitary measures in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic; its initiatives in implementing and addressing elevated standards of hygiene and safety; and the measures taken to ensure that Drakenstein is ready to safely welcome local and international visitors.

The DLTA has included a section on each of the websites outlining the minimum requirements regarding the safety protocols. Have a look at [here](#) and [here](#). A series of appropriate hashtags are being used to inform, generate digital traffic and support campaigns which state that Drakenstein is safe and open for business, such as #yoursafetyourpriority, #visitpaarl and #visitwellington.

For more information, please visit the Visit Paarl and Visit Wellington Facebook pages.

Fighting GBV, 365 days a year



Executive Mayor Conrad Poole (in the middle, front) and City Manager Dr Johan Leibbrandt (to his right), together with male members of the organisation's senior leadership, represent the men of Drakenstein Municipality as they say: "All forms of violence against women and children should be eradicated. As men we should respect and protect all the women in our lives. As a municipality, we will play our role and work together with other spheres of government, law enforcement agencies and NGOs, to help ensure the safety of our female colleagues and the women of Drakenstein."

Drakenstein Municipality is determined to tackle gender-based violence in Drakenstein, 365 days a year. Together with community organisations, shelters and NGOs/NPOs that make this battle their daily focus, the Municipality will raise awareness, launch initiatives, render assistance where it can, and maintain a safe working space for its staff.

"As the municipality of an area that is adversely affected by social challenges, we condemn these gruesome crimes and stand in solidarity with our community's women and children," says Alderman Conrad Poole, Executive Mayor of Drakenstein Municipality.

"The constant and sickening increase in GBV, particularly in South Africa, has made us question the effectiveness of GBV campaigns: Are we doing enough to fight this inhumane behaviour? Are any of these campaigns making a lasting impact? What will change the course of this blemish on our society?"

While the Municipality realises there is certainly no quick fix, it has decided to make the fight against GBV an all-year-round focus and kicked off its 365 Days of Activism campaign during Women's Month.

The first step was the following declaration by the Executive Mayor, City Manager and male members of the Municipality's Mayoral Committee and Strategic Management Team: "All forms of violence against

women and children should be eradicated. As men we should respect and protect all the women in our lives. As a municipality, we will play our role and work together with other spheres of government, law enforcement agencies and NGOs, to help ensure the safety of our female colleagues and the women of Drakenstein.

The next step is a comprehensive GBV Awareness Drive within the municipal area, collaborating with NPOs such as the [Athlone House of Strength \(AHOS\)](#) in Paarl, a shelter for abused women and children. The Municipality will also team up with key figures in the community who speak out about the effect that absent fathers, unemployment, poor housing conditions, low self-esteem and substance abuse have on young men.

The Municipality will further collaborate with [SA Women Fight Back](#) and [Fight Back South Africa](#) to teach women within the Drakenstein community to defend themselves against perpetrators.

Anyone who is affected by gender-based violence, can contact:

- [Gender-Based Violence Centre](#) 24/7 at **0800 428 428** to be referred to the police and field social workers who respond to victims of GBV;
- [Lifeline](#) at **0861 322 322** for 24-hour counselling;
- [Legal Aid South Africa](#) at **0861 053 425** for free legal assistance; or
- Download the SA Women Fight Back app [here](#)

Watersuiweringsaanlegte trek Drakenstein deur tydens droogte

Die voorsiening van water is 'n basiese reg. Watersekuriteit vir inwoners en besighede in 'n munisipale gebied word gewaarborg deur alle bronne - hetsy damwater, water uit 'n stroom of 'n rivier, en boorgatwater – in te span vir gebruik.

Vars het 'n bietjie meer gaan uitvind oor die rol wat watersuiweringsaanlegte in watersekuriteit speel. Ons het gaan kyk hoe dit werk, hoekom gesuiwerde water so belangrik is, en watter rol Drakenstein Munisipaliteit se watersuiweringsaanlegte in die Kaapse droogte gespeel het.

Het jy geweet dat 'n watersuiweringsaanleg se doel is om ongesuiwerde water (dam-, rivier- of boorgatwater) te filtreer; te stabiliseer (indien nodig); en dit dan te ontsmet tot 'n spesifieke standaard, soos deur die Nasionale Drinkwater Standaard (SANS kode 241) voorgeskryf?

Gesuiwerde water is uiters belangrik vir die gesondheid van mense en diere, en help om siektes te vermy. Gesuiwerde water word eerstens as drinkwater by werkplekke, wonings, skole, hospitale en tronke aangewend, en tweedens vir industriële gebruik, soos byvoorbeeld wanneer voedselverwerking gedoen word.

Tydens die droogte het Drakenstein Munisipaliteit veral staatgemaak op sy watersuiweringsaanlegte (Welvanpas, Meulwater, Parys en die nuwe Boy Louw) – tesame met goeie bestuur - om seker te maak dat elke inwoner van Drakenstein deurgaans van water voorsien kon word.

Daarom is dit so belangrik dat 'n munisipaliteit sy eie waterbronne beveilig. Alle water - gesuiwer of ongesuiwer - is 'n strategiese bron wat beveilig en bestuur moet word om te verseker dat daar ten alle tye water beskikbaar is.



'Make a lasting impact'

- *Yvette Tsolo, Manager: Sport and Recreation of Drakenstein Municipality*

"It is sheer dedication and hard work that make things happen. It is hard work that brings about change.

Make an impact while you are present and ensure that your impact lasts in your absence."

Lixesha lokuqikelelwa ngokutsha kwexabiso lepropati kwakhona!

Rhoqo kwisithuba seminyaka emine uMasipala waseDrakenstein uqikelela ngokutsha amaxabiso epropati aphantsi kolawulo lwakhe, ukubonisa iinguqu ezikhoyo kwimarike ngokuphathelelene nokuqikelelwa kawmaxabiso epropati ukususela ngowama-2016, nokuqikelela ngokupheleleyo ukuhla okulungileyo kweerhafu zepropati.

UMasipala uqeshe ifem, iPrime Property Valuers and Consultants (Pty) Ltd, ukuqhuba uQikelelo lweXabiso ngokuBanzi lowama-2020 ngokwemiqathango yoMthetho weMunicipality Property Rates, uMthetho onguNombolo 6 wama-2004. Uqikelelo lwexabiso olutsha lwepropati luya kuqala ukusebenza ngomhla woku-1 kuJulayi 2021 yaye luya kusebenza de kube ngumhla wama-30 kuJuni 2025.

Abaqokeleli beenkcukacha zamanani baqalisile kutshanje ukutyelele iipropati eDrakenstein ukulungiselela ukuqokelela ingcaciso yepropati nangokuthabatha amafoto embonakalo yepropati esitalatweni. Baya kukwenza oku de kube nguNovemba walo nyaka. Ukugcina ukhuseleko lwabanini beepropati kuqala ngokunjalo nolo

lwabaqokeleli beenkcukacha zamanani, uMasipala uqinisekisa ngokuba abaqokeleli bahambelana nayo yonke imithetho yempilo nokhuseleko:

- Ngokuphatha amakhadi ezazisi asemthethweni aphuma kuMasipala waseDrakenstein;
- Ngokunxiba izixhobo zokhuseleko zomntu njengoko zichazwe kwimithetho yeCOVID-19;
- Ngokunika isithuba esaneleyo phakathi komntu nomnye; kunye
- Nokusanithisayiza rhoqo.

Emva kokugqitywa kwenkqubo yokuqikelelwa kwamaxabiso, umnini ngamnye wepropati uya kwaziswa ngoqikelelo olutsha lwexabiso abalwabelweyo kwiiipropati zabo. Emva kwangoko baya kuba nexesha elaneleyo nethuba lokuvavanya uqikelelo lwamaxabiso lwabo yaye, ukuba kuyimfuneko, bangenise inkcaso yabo kulo.

Ukufumana ingcaciso engaphezulu, nceda uqhagamshelane no-Isaac Fortuin kule nombolo 021 807 4534.



Keeping unsightly developments off hillsides

The natural beauty of the Drakenstein landscape is something that sets the area apart from many other municipalities. It is something that both locals and visitors can enjoy at any time of the year. As such, Drakenstein Municipality is determined to regulate development on sensitive mountain slope areas to prevent any visual, heritage or environmental impairments.

To this end, the Municipality is implementing a planning policy guideline to ensure a sensitive response to this type of landscape.

In the last 20 years, development pressure in Paarl and Wellington has increased significantly, in particular near mountain slopes. This is driven by the need for either an increase or an enlargement of the footprint for rural related development, or in response to the desire to access view sites on mountain slopes, which are a key selling point for rural-based residential property development.

This motivated the development of Drakenstein Municipality's mountain slope policy which lays out a set of criteria for land use development decisions on mountain slopes.

"Anybody who has looked at an inappropriate development on a hillside and thought, 'That ought not to be there', will understand the need for such a planning policy guideline," explains Lauren Waring, Executive Director: Planning and Development at Drakenstein Municipality. "It is to this end that we are implementing it, together with the Sensitivity Analysis Tool. The tool aids municipal and private sector land use planners, related disciplines and the general public, in making decisions based on an objective assessment of the informants pertaining to each land use planning application."

The Sensitivity Analysis Tool also lays out the statutory obligations which are associated with the process of procuring land use rights.

The policy provides a guideline for development on mountain slopes in Drakenstein. It also serves as an objective information tool to create awareness and take cognisance of:

- Visually sensitive areas;

- Critical biodiversity areas;
- Protected areas;
- Heritage sensitive areas;
- Unique landscape characteristics; and
- Sense of place qualities.

"Visual sensitivity and landscape character are often subjective judgement, based on value opinions," says Waring. "The classification quality of the landscape as a non-tangible entity, is therefore a complex matter that can lead to controversy in the decision making process. To address this it was necessary to define objective intangible technical criteria to determine the level of sensitivity of a particular landscape."

Cllr Adv Johan Miller, Member of the Mayoral Committee for Planning and Development at Drakenstein Municipality, notes that the guideline policy is the first for South Africa. "The Drakenstein Mountain Slope Study is an innovative and proactive tool that, rather than demarcating areas for development, equips those seeking land use planning permission, with the means to investigate, and if required, to mitigate in the process of formulating a land use development proposal."

"We live in a beautiful environment, and it is important that we take all the necessary measures to protect the visual, heritage and environmental characteristics which make it so," says Alderman Conrad Poole, Executive Mayor of Drakenstein Municipality. "At the same time, we need to respond objectively and sensibly to development and land use planning applications which impact mountain slopes. This tool equips us with the wherewithal to do so."



Ulwakhiwo lwepaka entle emlanjeni yesimo sezulu luqalisile

Ulwakhiwo luqalisiwe ePaarl Arboretum apho ipaka entsha entle yesimo sezulu isekwa khona. Isango lokungena elingasentla kunye nekhothi engaphambili ziya kugqitywa kulo nyaka, ngeli thuba wona umsebenzi kummandla wokupaka okungekho sikweni uya kuqaliswa ngoSeptemba, kusandiswa indawo yokupakwa kweemoto ezimalunga ne-100 ukuya kwi-130.

Igumbi eliluhlaza lokufundela, liya kuba yinxalenye yepaka entle emlanjeni yesimo sezulu, liya kuba ngumnikelo omkhulu kwi-Arboretum njengoko iya kube ibonisa iitheknoloji ezahlukeneyo eziluhlaza ze inikezele ngesithuba esilungiselelwe imfundo yendalo yabaselula nabadala. Umxholo wemfundouya kuqiniswa ngohambo lwenguqu yesimo sezulu okanye amarhintyela, apho uphawu kunye nezixhobo ezinxulumene nokudanjiswa kwenguqu yesimo sezulu ziya kuxhonywa. Isixhobo sendalo sokudlala siya kuyilwa kuyo yonke i-Arboretum – isingezelelo esiqinisekileyo kwiintsapho ezinabantwana.

Ngomphetho wekhonkrithi kunye negrable ezinzisiweyo, uhambo olusesikweni lwasemlanjeni luya kuba lula kwamsinyane lwabantu ababini abahamba omnye ecaleni komnye. Ukufumana indlela kunye nophawu lwengcaciso luya kumiliselwa kwamsinyane. Izibane zombane ze-Arboretum kunye nothango, ngakumbi kwisango lokungena elisezantsi, liya kuhlaziywa ukuphucula ukhuseleko.



Ward 3 is a ward with heart

Following the passing of Councillor Elize Smit earlier this year, Ward 3 now has a caretaker councillor until a by-election can be held. The COVID-19 pandemic has prevented a by-election from taking place to date, but there is a possibility that one may be held before the end of the year.

Ward 3 is primarily a rural community with an estimated 5 000 residents. Situated northeast of Paarl, the ward hosts two libraries - one at Windmeul Primary School and the other at Bergrivier Primary School. The ward is home to mostly farmworkers and producers.

The ward hosts a number of projects and activities including regular sports days for the youth as well as the rugby clubs from the surrounding farms. There is also an annual school clothing project whereby learners at Alfons, Bergrivier, Kersboslaagte and Windmeul Primary Schools are kitted out with school clothes.

The ward is also home to food distribution programmes in the form of soup kitchens, lending a helping hand to its community.

A section of the important road link between Wellington and Hermon, the Haaskraal Road, falls within Ward 3. This stretch of road is currently undergoing an upgrade that includes widening the road, constructing stormwater drains and canals, and tarring a section of the road. Ward 3. This stretch of road is currently undergoing an upgrade that includes widening the road, constructing stormwater drains and canals, and tarring a section of the road.



Wyk 4 is tuiste van een van wêreld se grootste interskole-kragmetings

Wyk 4 se raadslid is (Adv.) Johan Miller, beter bekend onder sy familie, vriende en kollegas as “Muis”. Hy is in die Paarl gebore en getoë. Raadslid Miller is sedert 2016 by die politiek betrokke en is ‘n DA- raadslid. Hy is tans die Burgemeesterskomiteelid verantwoordelik vir Beplanning en Ontwikkeling, en Toerisme. Raadslid Miller het voorheen die gemeenskap bedien as ‘n lid van die skoolbeheerliggaam, die Gemeenskapspolisieringsforum en die kerkraad.

Wyk 4 is ‘n goed ontwikkelde middelinkomste woonegebied met ongeveer 7 000 inwoners. Dié wyk is reg in die middel van Drakenstein geleë - tussen die Paarlberg en Dutoitskloofberge. Dit strek vanaf Treurnichtstraat, tot by Lady Grey, Bergstraat, en dan weer tot by die Bergrivier Boulevard.

Meer as 97% van die wyk se inwoners het toegang tot basiese dienste wat water, sanitasie, elektrisiteit en vullisverwydering insluit.

‘n Paar beroemde skole wat toppresterders lewer, soos die Hoër Jongenskool Paarl, Hoër Meisieskool Paarl, La Rochelle en Labori, is in Wyk 4 te vinde. Die



sakesektor bestaan hoofsaaklik uit die verhuring van kantoorruimte en is die tuiste van ‘n verskeidenheid medium- tot groot besighede.

Wyk 4 is veral bekend vir groot sportbyeenkomste wat geesdriftiges van heinde en verre lok. Dit sluit in die bekende en gevierde jaarlikse interskole-kragmeting

tussen die Hoër Jongenskool Paarl and Paarl Gimnasium, wat sedert 1915 in die Faurestraat-stadion gehou word. Na beraming woon meer as 35 000 mense dié interskole – een van die grootste skolesportbyeenkomste in die wêreld - by wat 'n stewige hupstoot aan die plaaslike ekonomie gee.

Die jaarlikse Boxing Day atletiek- en fietsry-byeenkoms is ook baie gewild onder internasionale deelnemers en besoekers.

Historiese landmerke in Wyk 4 sluit die Afrikaanse Taalmuseum en -monument, Zederbergplein en die Paarlse Stadsaal in. Dié wyk huisves ook Drakenstein

Munisipaliteit se hoofkantoor, en die distrik se Streek- en Landdroshowe en -kantore.

Hierdie wyk het 'n volledige, aktiewe en funksionele wykskomitee. Die komitee is die "oë en ore" van die wyksraadslid en help hom met dienslewering advies. Tans finansier die wyk verskeie projekte, onder andere skenkings aan die Rusoord-ouetehuis, Voortrekkers, Oudstudente Museum, en die Hoofbiblioteek in die middedorp. Geldelike steun word ook aan "Clean and Green"- en kameraveiligheidsprojekte gegee.

Marius Wüst, "n voorstander van spanwerk"

Om te weet dít wat hy elke dag by die werk doen het 'n werklike impak op die gemeenskap en die Munisipaliteit se dienslewering – vandag en ook in die toekoms, is die beste gedeelte van sy werk, sê Marius Wüst, Uitvoerende Direkteur: Ingenieursdienste van Drakenstein Munisipaliteit.

Vars het met Wüst, wat nou presies 'n jaar gelede by die Munisipaliteit aangesluit het, gaan gesels oor sy dagtaak, asook oor wat die Munisipaliteit doen om die volhoubaarheid van hulpbronne in die munisipale area te verseker.

Hoe het jy in ingenieurswese begin belangstel?

Ek was bevoorreg om 'n ingenieursfamilie groot te word en stel reeds van kleins af in ingenieurswese belang. My pa en twee broers was ingenieurs. As kind het ek my pa met opmetings gehelp en saam met hom gegaan wanneer hy terreine gaan besoek het. My broer Chris was ook 'n siviele ingenieur by Drakenstein Munisipaliteit totdat hy in 2005 oorlede is. My persoonlike assistent, Ronel van Zyl, het nou saam met Chris gewerk, en dis vir my 'n voorreg om vandag saam met haar te kan werk.

Wat behels jou rol by Drakenstein Munisipaliteit?

Ek staan aan die hoof van die departement wat kern munisipale dienste lewer, soos water en sanitasie, elektrisiteit, vullisverwydering en vaste afvalbestuur, stormwater, en paaie en infrastruktuur. My verdere verantwoordelikhede sluit in die Uitgebreide Openbare Werke Program (EPWP), fasiliteite, vloot (voertuie) en projektebestuur. Die daarstelling van duursame



infrastruktuur is 'n groot deel van my werk. Die rol wat behoorlike infrastruktuur speel in die finansiële volhoubaarheid van 'n munisipaliteit kan nie onderskat word nie.

Vertel ons meer van jou kwalifikasies en vorige ondervinding

Ek het 'n siviele ingenieurswese-graad aan die Universiteit van Stellenbosch behaal en gekwalifiseer as 'n Geoktrieerde Rekenmeester na studies aan

die Universiteite van Kaapstad en KwaZulu-Natal. Daarna het ek ondervinding in die openbare en private sektore opgedoen - in ingenieurswese, projekbestuur, gesubsidieerde behuising en finansies. Voordat ek by Drakenstein Munisipaliteit aangesluit het, was ek ook die Hoof Finansiële Beampte by die Stellenbosch en Bergrivier Munisipaliteite.

Hoe lyk jou tipiese dag?

Wat my werk veral opwindend maak, is dat daar nie iets soos 'n tipiese dag is nie! Daar is die heel tyd nuwe uitdagings – van begrotingsbestuur tot langertermyn strategiese infrastruktuurbeplanning en projekimplementering. En dan is dit om van gebarste waterpype, die ontblokkering van mangate en stormwaterpype, en kragonderbrekings weens kabeldiefstal nie eens te praat nie. Vir my gaan elke dag daarvoor om gehalte dienste aan die Drakenstein-gemeenskap te lewer - deur ons personeel, aanlegte en toerusting so doeltreffend as moontlik aan te wend.

Wat is jou onmiddellike planne en jou planne vir die toekoms?

In die toekoms sal ek graag steeds die publiek wil dien deur my ingenieurs- en finansiële vaardighede te kombineer. Van ons onmiddellike planne is om die Drakenstein-gemeenskap bewus te maak van die belangrikheid daarvan om onwettige stortings te bekamp; om afvalbestuur kreatief, effektief en volhoubaar te doen; en om watersekuriteit te verseker.

Dink jy Drakenstein Munisipaliteit kan steeds “Dag Zero” (rakende watervlakke) bereik?

Nie sommer gou nie, veral omdat die Munisipaliteit slim stappe geneem het om watersekuriteit te bevorder. Ons doen juis nou 'n studie oor waterbronne. Van ons water is van die berge afkomstig, en ander van die boorgate wat ons tydens die droogte laat boor het. Drakenstein kan verseker wees van genoeg skoon water in die voorsienbare toekoms. Ons kyk ook na die moontlikheid om verdere waterbronne in die omliggende berge te gebruik.

Vertel ons meer van die Munisipaliteit se oorlog teen onwettige stortings en rommelstroofery

Onwettige stortings is nadelig vir die plaaslike omgewing, vir ons gemeenskap, en vir mense se gesondheid. Sodra

die inperkingsregulasies dit toelaat, sal die Munisipaliteit nouer met die gemeenskap skakel om hul eie buurte skoon en rommelvry te hou. Ons het ook nou 'n nuwe verordening begin toepas om onwettige stortings te bekamp, maar sal nie hierdie oorlog kan wen as die gemeenskap nie ook eienaarskap van hul omgewing neem nie.

Aan watter opwindende projekte werk die Ingenieursdienste Departement op die oomblik?

In hierdie finansiële jaar beoog ons om 41 kapitaalprojekte met 'n totale waarde van R172 miljoen te implementeer. Die grootste kapitaalprojek is die R129 miljoen se opgradering van Oosboschstraat oor die Bergrivierbrug in die Paarl, tussen Jan van Riebeeck Rylaan en die Bergrivier Boulevard, wat die verkeersvloei aansienlik sal verbeter. Dit was baie opwindend om te sien hoe twee massiewe hyskrane 20 voorafgegote voorspanning betonbalke, wat elk 18m lank is en 50 ton weeg, 100% netjies op hulle plekke neergesit het. Die kommunikasie tussen die hyskraanmaatskappy-eienaar en hyskraan-operateurs was ongelooflik om te aanskou.

Wat het jy oor jouself geleer hierdie afgelope jaar by Drakenstein Munisipaliteit?

Ek het geleer hoe belangrik kommunikasie- en belanghebbende-bestuur is, en die fokus en vaardighede van ons Stadsbestuurder in hierdie gebied is veral indrukwekkend. Dit daag my uit om my eie bestuurstyl in hierdie veld op te knap – in die belang van beter dienslewering. Persoonlik probeer ek nou meer en wyer in ons eie departement kommunikeer, en wil ook ons depots meer gereeld besoek. Ek is ook op 15 werksverwante WhatsApp groepe waar ons tegniese en strategiese kommunikeer, en kwessies so vinnig as moontlik probeer oplos.

Wat is een van jou grootste uitdagings by die werk?

Ek is eintlik 'n syfermens; daarom is om mense te bestuur, altyd vir my 'n uitdaging. Maar by Drakenstein Munisipaliteit is ons geseënd met 'n baie ervare, hoogs gekwalifiseerde, hardwerkende en gemotiveerde span, wat dit makliker maak. Ek is 'n groot voorstander van spanwerk, en glo ons kan sukses bereik as ons saamstaan, positief is oor ons dagtaak, en ons oog op die bal hou, naamlik uitnemende dienslewering.

IISMME ezingama-300 zaseDrakenstein ziyaxhotyiswa ngempahla yokhuseleko lweCOVID-19

UMasipala waseDrakenstein unceda amashishini amancinane angama-300 kunye nabathengisi eDrakenstein okokuba babe nakho ukuhambelana nemithetho yokuvalwa ngci (yelockdown) nokulwa nokusasazeka kwentsholongwane yeKhorona – ngokuwaxhobisa ngempahla yokhuseleko lweCOVID-19.

Ezi mpahla zokhuseleko zibandakanya iilitha ezimbini zesibulala-ntsholongwane (zesanithayiza) sezandla, iimaski zobuso ezili-10, kunye neephampflethi zengcaciso neeposta ezineengcebiso eziluncedo zokhuseleko zeCOVID-19.

Le projekti, sibulelela umnikelo wesisa wempahla yokhuseleko engama-500 ophuma kuRhulumente weNtshona Koloni, yenza abathengisi abangekho sikweni kunye namashishini amancinane eDrakenstein eyinxalenye yamanye amashishini ekulweni ukusasazeka kweCOVID-19.

Ekunikezelweni kwempahla yokhuseleko lweCOVID-19 kwabanye abathengisi abangekho sikweni ePaarl ngo-Agasti, uSibonda wedolophu uConrad Poole, uSodolophu wesiGqeba woMasipala waseDrakenstein,



ugxininise ukuzibophelela kukaMasipala, apho anakho, ekuncedeni abahlali ekulawuleni ubhubhane okhoyo nasekuqhubeni befumana ukuphila. Uthe icandelo lamashishini amancinane lelinye labalulekileyo kuqoqosho ngokubanzi yaye impahla yokhuseleko iya kuwanceda ukuba aqhubeke esebenza elandela imithetho.

Ukuba ufuna ukwazi ngaphezulu ngenkxaso ngoshishino lweSMME kuMasipala waseDrakenstein, [tyelela](#)

Revitalising Drakenstein's township economy

Townships are of the most dynamic yet complex social and economic spaces in South Africa today. They accommodate most of the urban population on a small physical footprint. High population density, poverty, unemployment and related social ills make them the top priority for inclusive socio-economic growth and development in South Africa.

The township economy can be defined as economic activity within townships which includes both formal and informal businesses. Many township enterprises have become a way of surviving, especially for those who are unable to find formal employment. The township economy can also be characterised as an economic system that provides for the community's social and economic needs within a specific geographical space.

In 2019, Drakenstein Municipality approved a 14-year Integrated Economic Growth Strategy that sets out a bold implementation plan to achieve "a global and innovative city that provides opportunities for all its residents". The vision is built on values that promote inclusivity, fairness and equity.

The Municipality developed the Drakenstein Draft Township Economy Strategy to spatially locate the township economy of Drakenstein; and to provide an enabling environment and governance principles to unlock the full potential of Drakenstein's township economies in the light of the new economy post COVID-19.

Since January 2020, the global economy has

experienced catastrophic changes due to COVID-19 with informal economic activities, such as the township economy, having to absorb significant economic shocks.

The Drakenstein Draft Township Economy Strategy serves as an enabling strategy to achieve a more conducive, innovative and developmentally orientated regulatory environment at municipal level to revitalise the local township economies of Drakenstein.

Over the next three to five years, the Municipality will undertake the following key activities primarily by adopting a broad-based partnership approach with the private sector, community-based organisations and public sector institutions:

- Enabling regulatory and policy environment - ensuring that all informal trading related policies and bylaws are reviewed and updated;
- Economic infrastructure – identifying suitable sites to establish businesses in demarcated township areas;
- Business skills development and entrepreneurship - building resilient entrepreneurs; and



- Providing market support and business linkages through partnerships and collaboration – facilitating access to local, regional and global markets, and value chains, and improving procurement opportunities through access to connectivity.

Anyone wishing to access the full Draft Township Economy Strategy can do so below.

New bylaw requires all informal traders to have valid permits

Informal traders are a familiar sight around the world, in Africa, and also here in Drakenstein. They are entrepreneurs, breadwinners, negotiators and community builders.

Drakenstein Municipality recognises the key role that informal trading plays in poverty alleviation, income generation and entrepreneurial development, and in particular, the positive impact that it has on historically disadvantaged individuals and communities.

That is why the Municipality drafted the new Drakenstein Draft Informal Trading Bylaw: to provide mechanisms for the regulation and management of informal trading within the Municipality's jurisdictional area.

Drakenstein Municipality acknowledges the need to adopt a developmental approach to the informal trading sector, to create an environment to allow and encourage the growth of businesses. The Municipality also recognises the right of the informal traders to trade in line with the Constitution and in compliance with applicable laws.

The Municipality further recognises infrastructural,

social and economic disparities and inequalities that may exist, and shall strive to overcome such disparities and inequalities by differentiating, where appropriate, between communities and geographical areas.

There are nine types of informal trading. These include: trading on sidewalks or roads; trading at formal markets mainly over weekends; trading from caravans, trailers, light delivery vehicles or a trolley or similar device; and traders who move around from place to place in the municipal area on a daily basis.

The Municipality may declare any place within its area of jurisdiction to be an area in which the carrying out of the business of an informal trader may be restricted or prohibited.

It is important for traders to know that no person may conduct informal trading on municipal property without a valid permit issued by the Municipality. The permit to trade must be kept at the place of trade at all times, and must be produced when an authorised official asks for it. There are also a number of general prohibitions in the bylaw that, among others, prevent an informal trader

from staying overnight at the place of business, creating a nuisance to other people, and damaging or defacing a public place, public road or any other municipal property.

Informal traders' rights are also protected and a trader who feels aggrieved by a delegated decision of the Municipality may, in writing, request reasons for the decision. The relevant directorate of the Municipality must provide written reasons to the trader within seven days and, where necessary, engage with the trader in a meaningful way to resolve the matter.

Anyone who wishes to read the full text of the Drakenstein Draft Informal Trading Bylaw can do so [here](#).



The 2018 Drakenstein Zoning Scheme Bylaw gave property owners in certain areas of Drakenstein the opportunity to apply for the operation of a liquor outlet or tavern from their homes. This zoning scheme however does not give clear guidelines to assess the desirability of such land use applications.

That is why Drakenstein Municipality's Planning and Development Department identified the need for a policy to guide the decision making process relating to applications for liquor outlets and taverns.

The purpose of the Liquor Outlet and Tavern Policy would be:

- To provide clear guidelines and decision making criteria for liquor outlets and tavern operators in the Local Economic Development (LED) Zone areas;
- To provide clarity to potential applicants regarding the requirements for liquor outlets and taverns; and
- To provide law enforcement measures to regulate the operation of liquor outlet and taverns.

Have your say on Drakenstein's liquor outlets and taverns

The Municipality invites members of the public, property owners, interested parties, and prospective or current operators of liquor outlets and taverns to comment on the Draft Drakenstein Liquor Outlet and Tavern Policy, which can be found here:

Written comments can be sent to Drakenstein Municipality, PO Box 1, Paarl, 7622, or hand delivered to the Civic Centre, Berg River Boulevard, Paarl, by no later than 23 September 2020.

The public notice for the Drakenstein Municipality Draft Liquor Outlet and Tavern Policy for public participation is available below under General Notices:

For more information, contact the Municipality's Land Use Planning division at 021 807 6227 or 021 807 4836.