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Ward Based cleaning project

Executive Mayor of George, Ald Leon van Wyk and Acting Municipal Manager, Dr Michele Gratz, met a group of EPWP (Expanded Public Works Programme) workers who started earlier this year, as part of a new Ward Based cleaning project initiated by the Community Services Directorate of George Municipality.

The teams started with the cleaning of main roads leading from the CBD including, York Street, Langenhoven Road, Nelson Mandela Boulevard and Madiba Drive.

Allen Pause, Director: Community Services, said his directorate had recruited altogether 194 workers and 13 coordinators to pick up litter, and remove grass and

weeds along the roads in the 27 Wards of George and surrounds. As the teams progress with the cleaning, a group of municipal workers come in and spray herbicide to keep weed and tufts of grass under control. Mayor Van Wyk expressed his satisfaction at the progress of the project, and noted that the project would be rolled out to the rest of the neighbourhoods over time. Van Wyk said he is glad that the Municipality can get George clean again.

Increase in cleansing workforce

George Municipality increased its current temporary cleansing workforce with 22 students from the Western Cape Community Education and Training College as

part of practical training and 10 workers from the Department of Correctional Services(DCS) that had to do community work. The Municipality signed memorandums of understanding with the College as well as DCS. Besides the new members, the teams includes 95 EPWP workers, 160 Community Work Programme (CWP)workers and seven coordinators. Portolio Councillor for Community Services, Sean Snyman, was pleased with the progress of the project and said it was heading in the right direction under the leadership of the Director for Community Services.

The personnel are equipped with health and safety equipment such as uniforms with reflectors,



Workers clean along Progress Street next to the George Municipality Main building.

safety boots, gloves, masks and cleaning chemicals to perform their daily duties and to ensure a safe working environment. They use brooms, litter pickers,

black bags, spades and rakes. Supervisors patrol the areas and tipper trucks move from one point to another to remove full refuse bags.



Executive Mayor of George, Ald Leon van Wyk (front with the grey jacket) and Cllr Sean Snyman (at the back with the white shirt) with officials from Community Services, students from the Western Cape Community Education and Training College, Coordinators and the Department of Correctional Services workers that have to do community work.



Meeting the EPWP Workers in front are from left, Carlo Muller, Rowan Petersen and Leonard Platjies. In the middle are Siziwe Tiki, Mayor van Wyk, Dr Gratz and Nokuzola Njengele. At the back are Amanda Ntsimbi, Nonceba Mbotshelwa, Enshane Pietersen and Asive Ntsweli.

Touwsranten ontvang wile

Burgemeester Leon van Wyk het onlangs van die 620 vullisblikke ter waarde van R350 000 aan inwoners van Touwsranten oorhandig. Touwsranten is gekies om die vullisblikke te ontvang omdat dit 'n kleiner gemeenskap is en daar slegs 'n beperkte hoeveelheid vullisblikke beskikbaar is. Van Wyk het gesê hulle hoop om hierdie inisiatief in die toekoms na die res van George uit te brei.

Van Wyk het 'n beroep op die inwoners van Touwsranten gedoen om na hul vullisblikke te kyk en inwoners moes vir elkeen teken, met almal 'n unieke nommer op hul vullisblikke. Die Direkoraat Gemeenskapsdienste het reeds 'n vragmotor beskikbaar wat die vullisblikke kan kanteel. "Dit is 'n effektiwer manier om van vullis ontslae te raak en dit is meer omgewingsvriendelik omdat minder sakke in omloop behoort te wees," het Van Wyk gesê. Inwoners wat 'n vullisblik gekry

het, sal nie ook swart sakke ontvang nie, sê Sean Snyman. "Ons is besig om swart sakke uit te faseer," het Snyman gesê. Die idee is om u afval te herwin deur die groen en blou sakke te gebruik, en dit verminder die afval onmiddellik.

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PAPIER WAT HERWIN KAN

WORD: kantoorpapier, koerantpapier en tydskrifte, karton (bokse platgedruk), bruin



By die oorhandiging van die vullisblikke in Touwsranten is begunstigdes wat vullisblikke en raadsele en amptenare ontvang het. Van links Lenie Draai, Rdl Marlene Barnardt, Wyksraadslid vir wyk 4, Dinah Fredericks, Rdl Sean Snyman, Portefeuljeraadslid vir Gemeenskapsdienste, Willem Meyer, Rdl Leon van Wyk, Uitvoerende Burgemeester van George, Florence Appels, Wessel Robertson, Bestuurder: Reiniging by George-munisipaliteit en Reginald Figeland. Agter is meer begunstigdes wat die vullisblikke van die munisipaliteit ontvang het.

papiersakke, wegneemhouers (kos verwyder en afgespoel), melk- en sapkartonne (uitgespoel en platgedruk) en boeke (harde omslag verwyder).

PAPIER WAT NIE HERWIN KAN

WORD NIE: servette, sneespapier, papierhanddoeke, waspapier, gelamineerde of wasagtige papier, ponskonfetti, inkpapier en plakkers.

METAAL WAT HERWIN KAN

WORD: koeldrank- en bierblikke,

kosblikke (skoon afgespoel), metaaldeksels van glas, potte, aluminiumblikkies, geroeste blikke kan herwin word en herwinbare batterye (neem dit na die korrekte depot).

METAAL WAT NIE HERWIN

KAN WORD NIE: batterye, motorolieblikke, verf- en spreiblikke en tinfoelie.

GLAS WAT HERWIN KAN WORD:

alle gekleurde glasbottels en flesse, bier- en wynbottels (afgespoel).

GLAS WAT NIE HERWIN KAN WORD NIE: spieëls en vensters, keramiek, kristal, drinkglase en gloeilampe.

PLASTIEK WAT HERWIN KAN

WORD: alle plastieknommers 1-7 (afgespoel), plastieksakke vir kruideniersware en kleinhandel (skoon) en melk sakkies.

PLASTIEK WAT NIE HERWIN

KAN WORD NIE: kleefplastiek en polistireen (is herwinbaar, maar tans is daar geen fasiliteit op die Tuinroete nie).

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Lauren Waring is new Director Planning and Development

Ms Waring returns to the Southern Cape from Drakenstein Municipality (Paarl) where she had been Executive Director Planning and Development since 2016.

She is the former Municipal Manager of Knysna Municipality, where she had also previously been Director Community Services and Director Planning and Development, respectively, and is the former Deputy Director of the Regional Land Claims Commission responsible for the Western and Southern Cape. She has worked in the Southern Cape since 1996 and is no newcomer to George and surrounds.

George Acting Municipal Manager Dr Michele Gratz said Ms Waring had specialised skills, advance leadership experience and extensive knowledge of the region that would be of great value to George and the Southern Cape.

"George Municipality is serious about the long-term sustainability of this city, which we regard as one of the most important socio-economic players in the province. We look forward to the development of this important directorate under her leadership," said Dr Gratz.

Amongst other qualifications, Ms Waring holds an Honours degree in Sociology and a Masters degree in Town and Regional Planning from the University of Stellenbosch. She has fifteen years senior leadership experience, eleven years' experience in national government and extensive experience in the development and land sector including inter-stakeholder negotiations on national and international level.

Lauren has consulted to government and the private sector on a broad range



Lauren Waring

of projects and held positions on several boards.

"I am so excited to be part of #TeamGeorge. George has immense untapped potential. We have pristine beauty, a competitive and diverse economy, excellent connectivity and accessibility, all within a well-governed city.

One of my primary focusses will be to expedite development and investment opportunities while ensuring economic dynamism, quality of life for all and long-term sustainability. It is such an honour to be able to work for my hometown."

She returns to her home outside Wilderness and is the proud mother of 17-year-old Nina. Both adore travelling, hiking and art.

The George Municipality Directorate Planning and Development comprise the departments Town Planning, Building Control, Integrated Development Planning (IDP) and Performance Management, Economic Development and Tourism.

Paulse new head of Community Services

Allen Paulse was officially appointed Director: Community Services as from 1 May 2021. Paulse is a qualified attorney and practiced law during his earlier years. He hails from Paarl and studied at the University of the Western Cape.

Paulse has vast experience in managing public institutions and is well known in local government circles for having a great strategic approach in the workplace and has been Municipal Manager to Oudtshoorn Municipality, Bitou Municipality and Breede Valley Municipality from 2002 until October 2020. Paulse worked at George Municipality between February 1999 to December 2001 as Deputy to the Town Clerk.

The Community Services Directorate includes Refuse Removal and Waste Management, Libraries, Parks and Recreation, Sport Development, Community Development (Social), Environmental Services and the Extended Public Works Programme (EPWP) with a total of 235 staff members.

Paulse says he will be applying strategic functioning to the units and sections in the Directorate, without taking away from core functions of each unit. "My overall approach will be to re-align



Allen Paulse

the directorate strategically along core principles relating to people management, financial management and more. "I will be output driven by way of training motivating and directing my subordinates to optimise work place productivity." Some of his financial management planning and planning towards quality outputs are already in use. Paulse says one of his most important tasks will be to replace the culture of mediocrity and complacency with one of productivity and proudness to be part of the Community Services Directorate, through acknowledging and rewarding excellence. On a personal note, Paulse is married to wife, Adré, and they have 4 children, Dino (deceased), Curnick, Adlen and Iviwe. He hails from Paarl.



Outeniqua High School is the winner out of the three competing high schools. Mayor Van Wyk hands over the winning cheque to principal Christo Vorster (with black jacket). At the back from left are Mphielo Ramotsai, Electrotechnical Directorate, two of the winning learners with the winning poster, Wessel Janse van Rensburg, Marlo Barnard, Art teacher Mari Coetzee and Thabo Yiga, Electrotechnical Directorate. The poster that was made mostly of recycled material says: Power “of” Nature. The “of” word is cleverly formed and hidden into one of the windmills.

MUNICIPAL POSTER COMPETITION ON ENERGY SUSTAINABILITY

George Mayor announces winners

The George Municipality’s Poster Competition on Energy Sustainability came to an end on Monday 7th June, when the two winning schools, Outeniqua High School and Outeniqua Primary School were announced and the Mayor of George presented them with their prizes.

Mayor van Wyk was in awe of the standard of work of both the primary and high school learners. He told the learners that he is not only impressed by their artwork but by their thinking.

“We are all experiencing the inconvenience of loadshedding. We need to move into other forms of energy by wind, sun and other methods. This is the future of our world and our world is changing rapidly. It is awesome that you are part of that change,” he said. He congratulated the winners and thanked all of the schools that participated and made the competition a success.

The first prize winners (Primary and High School) both received a R5000 stationery voucher.

The second prize in the primary school category went to Mzoxolo Primary school who received a R2000 stationery voucher.

The third prize winner is Holy Cross Convent with a R1000 stationery voucher.

The second prize winner in the High School category is Parkdene High School with a R1500 stationery voucher. In total 10 schools participated. All learners who participated in the competition received goody bags as a token of appreciation. The other schools that participated were Kretzenshoop Primary School, Hibernia Primary School, Dellville Park Primary School, McKinley Reid High School and Thembaletu Primary School.

Thabo Yiga from the Electrotechnical Directorate who drove the project with the other

interns at the Directorate, thanked all ten schools for participating in the George Municipality’s Energy Sustainability Competition.

“The posters clearly show that the learners took the competition seriously and worked hard to produce quality work,” Yiga said.

Learners were meant to reflect their understanding of Energy Sustainability in the poster.

The posters were judged by effort, art and creativity and message. Some of the teachers and learners shared their experiences during the competition.

Leoni Selzer, Art teacher at Outeniqua Primary School said the process taught them how very important it is to save the world we live in and it was an incredibly great opportunity for the learners to research their own work and work on their art pieces.

Kyla Nel (12), a grade 6 learner, said she wanted to make people

aware that our earth is dying.

Linske Steenkamp (11), said she drew an eye with the idea to change people’s view on how they saw the world.

An-Sophie Buchholz (12), a grade 7 pupil, said her painting depicted the earth warming up to the extent that it has a detrimental effect on the survival of wildlife like the polar bear. **Mari Coetzee, Art teacher at Outeniqua High School**, said it was important to them to participate in the competition to get our younger generation thinking about preserving nature and thinking of alternative solutions to our energy needs. **Marlo Barnard (16)**, a grade 11 learner, said it was great coming together as a team, while his teammate, **Wessel Janse van Rensburg (17)**, grade 11, said they are grateful for the opportunity and had loads of fun.

They have used recycled paper from old exam books and magazines for the task.



Outeniqua Primary School is the winner in the category Primary Schools. They have beaten six other schools to the first prize. In the middle of the picture is the Executive Mayor of George, Ald Leon van Wyk (with the dark suit) handing the winning cheque of R5000 to Dr Nico Venter, School Principal. To the Mayor’s left are Mphielo Ramotsai and Thabo Yiga, Electrotechnical Directorate who drove the project. To Dr Venter’s right is the Art teacher that assisted the learners in the project, Leoni Selzer. Around them are all the learners who are part of the winning group.

George Municipality is part of the Energy Efficiency and Demand Side Management (EEDSM) programme funded by the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy.

The Municipality received grant funding of R4.5 million for the solar PV project at the George Municipality Main Building parking area and part of the requirements is to spend 1% of that grant funding on creating an energy awareness campaign.

Sustainable energy is power which is able to be replenished within a human lifetime and so cause no long-term damage to the environment.

Sustainable energy includes all renewable energy sources, such as hydroelectricity, biomass, geothermal, wind, wave, tidal and solar energies.

Rookverklidders en brandkomberse

George Brand- en Reddingsdienste het 500 rookverklidders geïnstalleer en brandkomberse uitgedeel as deel van brandveiligheid en bewusmaking in Touwsranten.

Die brandweerhoof van George, Neels Barnard, het gesê dat die gemeenskap se ligging in ‘n hoëplantegroei-sone tussen plase en plantasies buite Wildernis dit kwesbaar maak vir veldbrande.

“Die munisipaliteit het die risiko ‘n paar jaar gelede besef en het ‘n geruime tyd brandbane in die nedersetting geskep en onderhou, maar besluit om ook brandrisikos by huise aan te spreek. “Die Wes-Kaapse rampbestuur (WCDRM), het die kwesbare status van die

dorp bevestig en brandverklidders geborg vir die geskatte 500 strukture, meestal HOP-behuising. “Die projek is versterk deur die beskikbaarheid van 700 brandkomberse, wat oorspronklik via Oakhurst Insurance geskenk is as deel van ‘n uitgebreide skole-uitreikprogram wat weens Covid-19 gestaak is.” George-brandweer het op 26 April die strukturele brandveiligheidsprojek van Touwsranten van stapel gestuur, waar van deur-tot-deur brandverklidders geïnstalleer is, brandkomberse uitgedeel is en brandbewustheid in die gemeenskap tydens beskikbare skofte gedoen is. Indien omstandighede dit toelaat, sal ‘n

rookverklidder in elke formele- en informele huishouding in Touwsranten geïnstalleer word. Brandbestryders installeer die eenheid, toets dat dit werk en wys inwoners hoe om die verklidder te gebruik en instand te hou. Die battery-gedrewe rookverklidders het ‘n geskatte leeftyd van tien jaar wat ‘n 9V-battery (reghoekvormig)insluit, wat ideaal elke ses maande vervang moet word, maar jare kan duur. Die verklidders word gewoonlik aan die dak in die leefarea van die HOP-huis vasgemaak, en is ontwerp om ‘n harde, hoë geluid te maak wanneer ‘n rookkonsentrasie die verklidder bereik.



Van links wys George Brandweer leierbevelvoerder, Shane Fisher, junior brandweerlid, Cheryl Jansen, en brandweerlid Wilton Oktober, die inwoners (ongetiffiseer) die rookverklidder wat by hul huis in Touwsranten gaan installeer word.

Live Conferencing Webinar focuses on reigniting local Tourism

Over one hundred local entrepreneurs attended George, Wilderness and Uniondale Tourism’s first ever live conferencing webinar, aimed at rejuvenating local tourism. The conference took place on the 13 - 15 April. Attendees included hotel, guest house

and restaurant owners, as well as activity providers and tour operators.

Fourteen speakers representing local, national, and international travel brands delivered up-to-date research, designed to help local tourism operators boost their bookings. Delegates participated

in the virtual conference on Zoom and were able to interact with an array of speakers from ATTA, Expedia, South African Tourism, George Municipality, Wesgro and Thompsons Holidays.

The host and moderator for the webinar was Dirk Wessels, the portfolio councillor for Strategic

Services. Joan Shaw, Tourism Manager of George Municipality, opened the conference by encouraging local businesses to “take George into a new era, together”.

She emphasised the need for collaboration and partnership between local businesses in

making the region a strong travel destination.

George has also been identified as a secondary business hub for the Western Cape, and is set to benefit from a growing business events industry and attract investment for a large conference facility.

Handover of homes to 60 beneficiaries

Officials and Councillors of George Municipality, including the Executive Mayor of George Ald Leon van Wyk (in the black jacket) with the Acting Municipal Manager, Dr Michele Gratz, (right of the Mayor) and Minister of Human Settlements, Hon Tertuis Simmers(left of the Mayor) and on the far left, Ald Memory Booysen, Executive Mayor of the Garden Route District Municipality at the handover of new homes to 60 beneficiaries in April, in a new development in Pacaltsdorp East.

The beneficiaries were exhilarated to finally get the keys to their new homes. The first beneficiary to be handed her keys

by the Minister was Anna Potts (78). She has been on the housing waiting list for more than 20 years.

Construction of the Mixed-Use development began in 2018 and after completion will yield a total of 1650 Breaking New Ground (BNG) units, comprising of double storey, semi-detached and freestanding units.

It will also include 258 Financed Linked Individual Subsidy Programme (FLISP) units and 186 Affordable housing units. The project will also provide one general residential erf, 7 creches, 3 churches, 1 community and 7 commercial/ business erven.



Epwp workers cleaned up the refuse dumped at the bottom of Garcia Street, Borchards that is an unsightly scene from the N2.



EPWP workers and officials from George Municipality Cleansing section, Department of Education and the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment at the cleanup in Borchards. A JCB was used to scrape up a lot of the rubbish.

Illegal dumping hotspots cleaned

George Cleansing section at Community Services with EPWP workers, members from the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment and the Department of Education got together recently to again clean illegal dumping hotspots in George. The different groups cleaned along the N2 near Thembaletu, Parkdene, Borchards, Lawaakamp and Rosedale following

complaints of illegal dumping received from the public.

A group of 23 students that are studying towards Environmental management, under the leadership of Cornelius Esau from the Department of Education, went from door to door in the communities to inform the people of the dangers of dumping. They handed out information pamphlets to educate the public.



Granville Campher (Manager: Sport Development), Leveinia Botha (Sport Development Officer), Enrico Engelbrecht (Assistant Superintendent: Sport Maintenance), Riaan Swart (Assistant Superintendent: Sport Maintenance), Marquín Wakkies (EPWP worker) and Gerald de Villiers (Sport Development: Assistant) outside their offices at the Outeniqua Park Stadium.

George Municipality Sports Section's New offices at Outeniqua Park Stadium

The George Municipality Sports Section's are now occupying office space at the Outeniqua Park Stadium, and the public are welcome to visit these offices at Augusta Drive, (opposite the George bowling club). All Covid-19 protocols are in place.

According to Granville Campher, Manager: Sport Development, the move from their original rented premises to the Outeniqua Stadium which belongs to the George Municipality, made perfect sense as not only can the office space be used optimally but the sport officials are hands on now to ensure that operations at the A-grade stadium are managed correctly.

The public can phone, email or visit the Sport Development office on

appointment by contacting Gerald de Villiers on 044 801 2809 or 044 801 2812. Email the officials on gdevilliers@george.gov.za or lybotha@george.gov.za for the use and application forms for all municipal sports facilities and other sport queries. Campher noted that the hard lockdown in 2020 coupled with sports activities being halted had affected the maintenance of the stadium. "Outeniqua stadium is strategically and centrally situated for Sport tourism and the quality of the stadium is world class. It is important that this stadium and the others in George portray the vision and image of topclass facilities and the sports office will make sure this is being done." Campher said. The process of a longterm rental agreement is still underway.

Bouwerk aan splinternuwe netbalbaan

George Munisipaliteit se Sportontwikkelingsafdeling bou van nuuts af 'n splinternuwe netbalbaan, wat die heel eerste sal wees, by die Parkdene/ Maraïskamp Sport-veld met sintetiese bedekking, met die oog op die Netbal-wêreldbeker 2023 in Kaapstad.

Volgens Granville Campher, bestuurder: Sportontwikkeling, word daar gefokus op die kwaliteit en toeganklikheid van netbalgeriewe om plaaslike spelers, klubs en federasies die broodnodige blootstelling op voetsoolvlak te gee.

Tans word munisipale infrastruktuurtoelae (MIG) en munisipale befondsing uit die 2020/2021-begroting gebruik om die bane op 'n teervlak te bring soos dit tans is. Met die aanvang van hierdie nuwe boekjaar sal die sintetiese dekking van die bane gedoen word. Netbal kan op slegs teeroppervlakke

ook gespeel word, maar die sintetiese bedekking sal die bane in 'n beter liga plaas, het Campher gesê. Campher het gesê dat ons al ons bane op dieselfde standaard moet kry, om ons plaaslike netbalspelers aan hierdie oppervlaktes bloot te stel. Die Wêreldbeker-toernooi in Kaapstad sal die sestiende gebeurtenis wees van die kompetisie in internasionale netbal, wat elke vier jaar betwis word. Die toernooi word gehou op datums wat in die International Convention Centre in Kaapstad, Suid-Afrika, bevestig sal word. Dit is die eerste keer dat die toernooi in Afrika gehou word. Opgraderingswerk vorder ook by die Parkdene-rugbyveld, en nuwe spreiligte sal op die Pacaltsdorp-sportveld geïnstalleer word om aandspeler moontlik te maak.



Foto's van hoe die netbalbane tans lyk met die teeroppervlak wat heeltemal van nuuts af gebou is.

Municipality welcomes major river clean-up

The George Municipality welcomes the Source to Sea river cleanup project which will see the collection of litter and debris along six of the city's rivers from August 2021.

The project, initiated and managed by the national Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), aims to recover land-based litter from rivers and waterways before it reaches the ocean.

The pilot Source-to-Sea Project was launched in KZN in 2019. The current initiative is funded

by national Economic Stimulus Package Funding and will be implemented in 16 coastal districts including George for at least three months, possibly longer. George Municipality has supported the project via its EPWP programme for the securing of 20 local registered workers as well as the identification and prioritisation of rivers most affected by pollution.

The municipality will also be picking up the filled refuse bags as part of the municipality's usual refuse collection schedule.

Community Services Director Allen Paulse said several rivers, tributaries and waterways flowed through its municipal area and were mostly surrounded by residential and recreational areas that impacted on river cleanliness.

"The municipality participates and supports ongoing river clean-up projects and environmental awareness campaigns across our area, but littering and pollution remain a major concern.

"We are immensely grateful to the DFFE for implementing

this programme in George – not only because of the reduction of current waste, but also because of its associated impacts through education, awareness and job creation," said Mr Paulse.

The waterways identified for clean-up include:

- Gwaiing River from Blanco to the river mouth.
- Camphersdrift River from Glenbarrie to where it joins Gwaiing.
- Malgas River and 'Power Stream' above Blanco to where

it joins Gwaiing.

- Skaapkop River through Pacaltsdorp and past Thembaletu to the river mouth.
- Kat River from Glenbarrie, past eastern suburbs into the Garden Route Dam.
- Swart River from below the Garden Route Dam to where it flows into Kaaimans including Kaaimans River Mouth area.
- Meulen River from Conville through Ballotsview and Thembaletu into Ballots Bay river mouth.

Onthou dit?

George-munisipaliteit het onlangs padherstelwerk in Herriot-, Spreeu- en Parakietstraat voltooi, wat tydens Maart in Herriot, Genevafontein, groot skade ondergaan het.

Die grondwerk bo die hoofbarsplek het onmiddellik na herstelwerk plaas-

gevind, maar teer- en ander herstelwerk moes wag totdat die grond heeltemal uitgedroog het.

Nadat die hele gebied uitgedroog het, kon die werklike omvang van die ondergrondse skade aan die paaie vasgestel word.



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Councillor Michael Daniels

George Executive Mayor Alderman Leon van Wyk on behalf of Council and the municipality extended condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of Cllr Michael Daniels following his passing on 7th May 2021. Cllr Daniels served as Ward Councillor for Ward 24 (Haarlem) from August 2016.



Youngsters enjoyed a story hour at Conville Library on World Book Day on 23 April. With them are George Mayor, Leon van Wyk (in the grey jacket), who popped in after the session to meet and greet everyone and Cllr Sean Snyman, Portfolio Councillor for Community Services (in the white shirt). Some of the library staff members dressed up as book characters. The Mayor had a full programme with the youngsters and read to them himself.

World Book Day

George Libraries celebrated World Book Day, Friday on 23rd April 2021, a symbolic day for the Literature society as they celebrate the enjoyment of books and reading, with a recorded

read by local author Michelle Benjamin of her latest book, Its My Horn, a children's book set in the Kruger National Park and which deals with rhino conservation.



Richard Albertse, launched his book "Vision: The story of a seeing blind man" in May at George Library as part of the the World Book Day celebrations. He donated a copy of his book to George Library. The book is written with a bigger than usual font to compliment the title of the book and also for ease of reading for those with poor eyesight.

Road upgrades across George to benefit all

Road upgrades across George are set to benefit road users from all communities.

George Municipality Acting Civil Engineering Services Director Lionel Daniels said four major road upgrades were in different phases of implementation in Thembaletu, Lawaai kamp, Rosedale and the city centre. “All these roads are important arterials in high activity zones with many pedestrians, trucks and public transport.

“The municipality is grateful for additional income sources such as provincial and national grants that have enabled us to upgrade over-all infrastructure and pedestrian experience, which ultimately benefit business, promote investment and improve quality of life,” said Mr Daniels.

Tabata Street, Thembaletu

The project comprises five phases over at least two financial years and will ultimately improve the experience of road users and lives of residents. “Tabata Street is the main arterial through Zone 12, 13 and 15 and takes a lot of vehicle and foot traffic. We are using the opportunity to not only upgrade the road, but also stormwater pipes and sidewalks, which will improve the overall experience of road users and pedestrians and reduce chances of flooding of streets and homes.” The entire Tabata Street upgrade extends from the intersection with Nelson Mandela Boulevard (Fourways) to where the road currently ends. Roadworks will be carried out in five sections and the five construction phases may overlap.

Construction of phase 1, Nelson Mandela Boulevard to Mfayana Street (about 760m of road), commenced in March 2021 and should be completed by July 2021, weather and circumstances-depending. Phase 2 is expected to commence mid-year (around July/August 2021), details of which will be confirmed closer to the time. Further phases (phases 3 to 5) will be rolled out subject to availability of funds.

Market Street

As the most used road on the current GO GEORGE network, Market Street is at the heart of the city’s bus service with 3 650 trips per week to and from areas such as Pacaltsdorp, Rosemoor, Parkdene, Conville, Borchers, Blanco and the Garden Route Mall. “Market Street connects communities across the city, directly and indirectly, and upgrade of the road and sidewalks will benefit everyone who uses public transport, and do their shopping and business in the CBD. The upgrade is also very important since the road is starting to show signs of decay where the continued traffic of especially heavy busses have been taking its toll,” said Mr Daniels. The 15-month Market Street project will be concluded in phases and will include the upgrade of underground services such as stormwater and sewerage lines in addition to road surface rehabilitation, as well as construction of wider pedestrian walkways to support high foot traffic in the city’s central business district. The entire project comprises Market Street from York Street to Hope Street. Roadworks will be done in phases, intersection to intersection, with different phases of construction overlapping. Work has started with the most severely affected section between Meade and Cradock Streets (Phase 1), with the section between Meade and York Streets (Phase 2) to follow. Further phases (phases 3 to 5) will be rolled out from the Cradock Street intersection to Hope Street, subject to availability of funds.

Makriel Street, Lawaai kamp

Reconstruction of Makriel Street in Lawaai kamp, between Main and Fiskaal Streets, started in May for completion in October. Work includes the rehabilitation and reconstruction of the road surface, kerbs and sidewalks as well as upgrading of stormwater.

Rosedale Access Road

Rehabilitation of the Rosedale Access Road, eastwards from Beach

Road (up to the Erf 325 housing projects), started in May and should be completed at the end of October.

General construction information

Traffic impacts are different for each project depending on the nature of work done.

Municipal services such as water, sewer and electricity may be temporarily disrupted.

The municipality realises the impacts during road works are inconvenient, but we ask that road users and pedestrians bear with us and keep the bigger picture in mind. Liaison with business and affected parties in the construction zones will be ongoing and we thank residents, tenants and all general road users in advance for their support and cooperation.

“Please take extra care when you are inside or near the construction zone and adhere to all signage and directions by road works personnel. Vehicles should take heed that road surfaces can vary in height at times,” said Mr Daniels.

Wellington Street

After a series of initial delays outside the municipality’s control (such as excessive rain and presence of old underground services), Wellington Street had benefited from additional funding that became available in the delay period - which meant an even longer delay in completion date, but turned the initial minor rebuild into a full upgrade with benefits far beyond the project’s initial scope.

“The extra works came with its own frustrations, but we are finally nearing completion and look forward to opening Wellington Road to two-way traffic. Sidewalks are nearing completion and final asphalt road surfacing took place in early May.

Road markings and associated smaller civil work will be completed thereafter.

The municipality thanks road users for their ongoing patience during these roadworks and ask that they continue to take care during this final phase.”



Market Street roadworks.



Wellington Street asphalt laid.

Municipal building going solar

The Main Municipal building in York Street will by end of July 2021 have completed the installation of a 300 kilo-Watt Peak grid tied PV generating plant at the officials parking area.

The PV plant will reduce the peak load demand of the main building and reduce the amount of electricity purchased from Eskom. The plant will also enable the building to meet carbon emission reduction targets by powering most of the required load with energy generated from a clean and renewable source.

The total savings in carbon dioxide emissions, would be in

the region of 9027 tonnes of CO₂ over the plants 25 year lifetime.

In addition, the steel structures on which the PV modules will be mounted on will serve as covered carports for municipal vehicles. 500 000 kilo Watt Hours (kWh) of energy is expected to be produced by the PV plant annually, and the system is projected to pay itself off within 7 years of the 25 year estimated lifetime.

Executive Mayor Leon Van Wyk noted the significance of this step towards self-sufficiency for the municipality.

“The 500 000 kilowatt-hour of electricity that the PV plant

will generate annually is the equivalent of the power consumption of 55 households using 25 kwh of electricity per day (or approximately 9000 kwh pa). In overall terms this represents just over 0,1% of the George Municipality’s total annual sales of almost 500 million kwh of electricity. This is nevertheless the first significant small step we are taking towards self-sufficiency in electricity supply. There will be more. We thank our dedicated officials for the work they are undertaking to help us learn more about this journey into new technology”, said Ald Van Wyk.

The project is funded by the



On site at the municipal parking area are from left, Marlene Matthews, Senior Manager Administration Electrotechnical Services; Acting Municipal Manager Dr Michele Gratz; Executive Mayor Leon Van Wyk; Portfolio Councillor for Electrotechnical Services, Nosicelo Mbete; Ben August, Senior Manager Electrotechnical Services and Candidate Engineer (Intern) for Electrotechnical Services, Thabo Yiga who was responsible for preparing the tender documentations, preliminary designs and will be managing the project.

Department of Energy under the Energy Efficiency Demand Side Management (EEDSM) programme. The current public

parking area located immediately in front of the municipal building will not be affected during the construction at all.

Themba lethu’s new 66 kV Substation to improve reliability and provide adequate capacity of electrical supply

A new 66 kV municipal substation planned for Themba lethu will not only provide adequate capacity for growth in the area, but also improve the reliability of the electrical supply and provide additional job opportunities as the electrification projects are completed. The planning for the substation goes as far back as 20 years ago, when the Ballots Bay 11 kV substation in the southern part of Themba lethu was established. This 11 kV substation project at the time also made provision for a 66 kV substation. The electrical masterplans for George indicated that a 66 kV substation would be needed in the future. An Environmental Impact Study (EIA) was finalized in 2008 to gain approval for the 66 kV powerline routes to the various proposed substations in George which included the powerlines to Themba lethu.

In 2011, the new 132 kV Schaapkop substation was established to provide sufficient capacity after the existing ESKOM bulk supply had reached capacity in George, following the growth in electricity demand in George and Themba lethu. The bulk municipal electrical supply to Themba lethu also reached capacity and had to be increased to enable the electrification program to continue. A presentation was made to the George Council in 2013 to acquire funds for the first phase of the establishment of the municipal 66 kV substation in Themba lethu. Funds were provided and the 66 kV power line from SS Protea in Pacaltsdorp to Themba lethu was built in 2014/15. This power line is energized at 11 kV to supplement the capacity and will be energized at 66 kV to supply the new

66 kV substation once it is completed. During a UISP* (Upgrading of Informal Settlements Programme) community presentation in Themba lethu on July 2014, the public was updated about an analysis completed to determine the impact of the additional electrical load on the existing Themba lethu electrical network as a result of the electrification projects that had been completed. At this stage the first section of the 66 kV power line between Protea substation and Themba lethu’s 66/11 kV substation would have to be established and operated on 11 kV before any further electrification can take place. Further urgent upgrades included the establishment of the municipal 66/11 kV substation. The electrification of the formalised as well as informal areas in Themba lethu cannot continue without the upgrading of the bulk services in Themba lethu. The establishment of the substation is a key project in this regard. Subsequently, the 66 kV power line section between Themba lethu and the Glenwood Substation in Knysna Road has also been completed to place the new Themba lethu 66 kV substation on a ring feed.

Themba lethu 66 kV Substation

The position of the 66 kV substation was changed slightly to accommodate the final 66 kV line route that is aligned to the proposed main southern arterial road and a revised EIA for the new position was approved in 2016. The detailed planning of the substation began in 2017. The substation’s construction consists mostly of the manufacturing, supply and installation of 11 kV and 66 kV equipment, two new 66/11 kV 20MVA power transformers and ancillary



protection and control equipment. The construction and commissioning of the substation requires specialized engineers and artisans. Following standard supply chain processes, the tender was awarded this year and the appointed contractor has provided all of the initial procurement documentation, and is in the process of completing the final construction designs and drawings based on the equipment to be supplied. The construction of the civil work can begin as a construction work permit has been issued by the Department of Labour. Once completed, this will be the biggest 66/11 kV substation in the Southern Cape, and one of the biggest electrical capital expansion projects embarked on by the George Municipality over the last decade. The first phase of the substation, which will include the commissioning of the 66 kV yard, first power transformer and 11

kV switchgear, should be completed in 18 months. It is envisaged that the complete project will be completed over 3 years, as and when funding becomes available.

*THEMBALETHU UISP HOUSING PROJECT

The project approved in 2018/19 will provide 4350 families with a serviced site with access to water, sanitation and electricity. The top structures will incrementally follow. As at 30 June 2021, 204 top structures had been built and handed over to beneficiaries and 168 sites were serviced. Phase One of the Upgrading of Informal Settlements Programme (UISP) which delivered 700 housing units was completed end of May 2021. The UISP is funded by the Western Cape Department Human Settlements with the George Municipality acting as implementation agent via the Enhanced People’s Housing Process (EPHP).

Gevandaliseerde Busskuilings herstel teen groot koste

Herstelwerk aan gevandaliseerde GO GEORGE-busskuilings is tans oral in die dorp aan die gang nadat ‘n begrotingsvoorsiening van R1,3 miljoen vir dié doel deur die George-munisipaliteit beskikbaar gestel is. Van die 124 skuilings wat reeds by bushaltes opgerig is, is 92% struktureel beskadig deur die glas of gelamineerde panele te breek, terwyl vinielplakkers met passasiersinligting binne die skuilings voortdurend vervang moet word wanneer dit deur graffiti bederf of afgeskeur word. Die glas-kantpaneel van die busskuilings blyk die meeste geteiken te word deur vandale. Ná uitgebreide navorsing en toetsing word ‘n nog sterker, breekvaste glas nou in vervangings gebruik, asook in nuwe skuilings wat opgerig word. Die glaspaneel is om veiligheidsredes gekies om sigbaarheid van passasiers in die skuiling te verseker, asook om passasiers in staat te stel om aankomende busse te sien.

As alles volgens plan verloop, sal die huidige herstelwerk voltooi word voordat die winter begin om skuiling te verskaf tydens koue en nat weerstoestande. Die begroting maak nie voorsiening vir nuwe skade nie, wat ten alle koste ontmoedig en bekamp moet word. **Oproep vir publiek se hulp** GO GEORGE-bestuurder James Robb sê die gemeenskap se ondersteuning is nodig om te help om die gewoonte van vernietiging en vernielsug om te keer. “Deur hierdie strukture te vandaliseer en te beskadig, ontnem die skuldiges hul eie gemeenskappe van die fasiliteite. Om ondersoek, die uitgee van tenders en herstelwerk aan beskadigde skuilings uit te voer, neem tyd, en totdat dit afgehandel is, is passasiers die slagoffers wat ongerief verduur en blootgestel word aan die elemente,” het hy gesê. “Dieselfde geld vir die sinnelose klippgooiery na GO GEORGE-busse. Om busse uit

diens te neem vir herstelwerk verminder die vlak van diens wat ons poog om te voorsien wanneer passasiers langer moet wag vir hul bus om op te daag, of ‘n bus te moet gebruik wat meer passasiers dra as wat hulle veilig voel om mee saam te ry.” George se waarnemende munisipale bestuurder, dr Michelle Gratz, het haar sterk uitgespreek teen hierdie kriminele gedrag. “Drie mans is onlangs in hegtenis geneem nadat hulle op heterdaad betrap is terwyl hulle die agterste venster van ‘n bus breek. Die munisipaliteit het ‘n zero-verdraagsaamheidsbeleid teenoor misdaad, maar ons het die publiek nodig om na vore te kom as hulle inligting het wat ons kan help om hierdie oortreders aan die pen te laat ry. Neem ‘n foto as jy kan, en skakel asseblief die GO GEORGE-inbelsentrum by 0800 044 044 met inligting oor wat gebeur het, waar en wanneer dit gebeur het, en wie het dit gedoen.”



Die glas-kantpaneel van die busskuilings blyk die meeste geteiken word deur vandale. Hier vervang werkers glaspaneel by ‘n bushalte in Knysnaweg. Ná uitgebreide navorsing en toetsing word ‘n sterker, breekvaste glas nou in vervangings gebruik, asook in nuwe skuilings wat opgerig word.

Final phase of extensions at Outeniqua Wastewater Treatment Works commences

The final phase of major extensions and upgrades at the Outeniqua Wastewater Treatment Works (OWwTW) in Pacaltsdorp is underway.

The civil works for the project was completed in 2019, but unforeseen delays with the mechanical-electrical component of the works had stalled its completion. Acting Director Civil Engineering Services Lionel Daniels said the work permit for the relevant works had been issued and the contractor had commenced work. The design and approval process for the upgrading of the mechanical and electrical construction works are underway, and orders for relevant equipment will follow upon signoff of final specifications. This final phase will take an estimated two years to complete and comprise all mechanical-electrical works. Should no further delays occur, the upgraded

additional 10ML/day capacity facility should be operational in the first quarter of 2023. George Municipality Acting Municipal Manager Dr Michele Gratz said the municipality was looking forward to the completion of the upgraded plant which would be a catalyst to much more development than what the current plant could manage. “Delays to these upgrades have been frustrating to the municipality, developers and stakeholders alike and we are relieved that this contract is finally underway. George remains a desirable development and investment destination and the many infrastructure projects taking place – such as current stormwater upgrades and the planned widening of Thembaletu bridge over the N2 - go a long way in confirming the city’s commitment to long-term sustainability,” said Dr Gratz.



From left to right, contractor Gert de Kock, George Municipality engineer Gerard de Swardt, contractor Dion Kuter, George Executive Mayor Leon van Wyk and Civil Engineering Services Portfolio Councillor Jacquiquie von Brandis, visit the site where the last phase of extensions and upgrades of the OWwTW have commenced.

ERF 325 en Metrogronde behuisingsprojek - Het u ‘n brief ontvang oor die aansoek om subsidie?

George-munisipaliteit doen ‘n beroep op alle begunstigdes wat ‘n uitnodigingsbrief van die Direktoraat vir Menslike Nedersettings ontvang het om ‘n subsidie-aansoek te kom voltooi, om asseblief dringend kontak te maak.

Slegs begunstigdes wat geïdentifiseer is vir Erf 325, Pacaltsdorp en Metrogronde, Borchers Behuisingsprojekte, sou die brief ontvang het. Persone wat hul name vanaf 1994 tot 2003 op die Behuisingsaanvraag-databasis (waglys) geregistreer het, word versoek om die Nuwe Behuisingsdepartement te kontak indien hul persoonlike besonderhede en adresse verander het.

Die volgende kriteria is van toepassing vir begunstigdes om vir huissubsidies in aanmerking te kom:

- a) Moet ‘n Suid-Afrikaner wees.
- b) Moet bekwaam wees om te kontrakteer.

- c) Nog nie voordeel getrek het uit regeringshulp nie.
- d) Nog nie ‘n vaste residensiële eiendom besit het nie.
- e) Getroud of saamwoon met ‘n maat.
- f) Enkellopend met finansiële afhanklikes. (Afhanklikes soos bepaal in die Nasionale Behuisingskode)
- k) Persone wat as militêre veterane geklassifiseer is.
- l) Verdien minder as R3500 per maand
- m) Persone wat as verouderd geklassifiseer is, sonder finansiële afhanklikes
- n) Moet drie jaar of langer op die aanvraagbehuisingdatabasis (waglys) wees.
- o) Persone wat geklassifiseer word as gestremd met of sonder finansiële afhanklikes.

Die kategorieë vir gestremdhede is soos volg:

- Stap - staphulpmiddels
- Stap - Rolstoel, gedeeltelik of voltyds
- Gehoor - heeltemal / gedeeltelik doof

- Sigverlies - gedeeltelik / heeltemal blind
- Beperkte of geen gebruik van bolyf-ledemate - Gedeeltelike / totale bewegingsverlies / verlamming in die bolyf-ledemate

Persone wat ‘n uitnodigingsbrief ontvang het om ‘n subsidieaansoek vir Erf 325 of die Metrogronde behuisingsprojek in te vul, moet die Nuwe Behuisingskantore van die departement van Menslike Nedersettings op die hoek van St John’s- en Varingstrate besoek om hul subsidie-aansoek af te handel. Die kantore is oop vir die publiek op woensdae van 07h45 tot 16h00. Covid-19-protokol is in plek en slegs twee mense word op enige tyd in die voorportaal toegelaat. **Let daarop dat beide die aanseker en die gade (waar van toepassing) die subsidie-aansoek moet invul, maar slegs die aanseker het toegang tot die ontvangsarea.** Navrae: 044 802 2003

Phelophepha in George

The Phelophepha Health Care Train (Transnet Heritage Foundation) visited George for a two week period in May this year.

George Executive Deputy Mayor Charlotte Clarke visited the train to welcome the personnel to the city and thank them for their service.

Deputy Mayor Charlotte Clarke (back) was given a tour of facilities on the train. She thanked medical personnel while George Municipality Protection Services official Vernon Peterson (front left) and Phelophepha acting train manager Bheki Mendlula looked on.



From left to right: George Municipality Community Development Manager Sophia Fanelo, George Municipality Traffic Manager Vernon Peterson, George Executive Deputy Mayor Charlotte Clark, Phelophepha acting train manager Bheki Mendlula and municipality coordinator for Phelophepha Peter Noble.



Attending the ceremony with the two mayors, Van Wyk and Ludolph Pedro (in front) are at the back from left, Cllr Lize Stroebe, the Mayoral Representative who oversees the Junior City Council on behalf of the Mayor of George, Cllr Sean Snyman, Portfolio Councillor for Community Services and Jonel Kerspuys, Coordinator of Youth Development at George Municipality.

Ceremonial handover of junior mayoral chain

The Executive Mayor of George, Ald Leon van Wyk, presented the Junior Mayor of George, Ludolph Pedro, with a mayoral chain during a ceremonial handover at the Mayor’s office.

The mayor said it is a symbolic gesture of a position of a mayor and to emphasize the role of young people in society in general and to make sure their voices are heard. “The youth are leaders among their peers and society

NOW, not only in the future,” he added. Ludolph Pedro is a grade 11 learner at York High School. He is a talented young man with a heart for serving the community. Besides receiving the Unisa Hennie Joubert Merit Bursary six times for being top in the country in practical piano exams, he is looking forward to either serving his community as a medical doctor or a politician.