



BNLM Mayor donates to Narsingstraat Primary to go to National School Netball Championship



BNLM Mayor, Cllr Willem Safers, has donated R30 000 to the Narsingstraat Primary School's Netball team, which has won to represent the Eastern Cape in the National Championship in Gauteng this week.

On Tuesday this week, the Mayor, spent time with the team, the principal, Mr Richard Swartz and their coach, Mrs Merle Lewis, motivating the team and congratulating them on their achievement. The Mayor indicated that his donation comes after he was approached about a plea that was made through the local media, that this competent team needed material assistance to take their achievement further, to represent the Eastern Cape in the National Championships this week.



FOREWORD BY THE MAYOR

Let me take this opportunity to welcome you to this edition of the From the Mayor's Desk. This has been an exciting week, and we want, through this platform, to share our excitement and quality of progress with you.

As your Mayor, I want to share with you our excitement over some of the achievements that we have made, within the municipality, our collaborative effort with our development stakeholders, including government departments and by our young girls in qualifying to represent the Eastern Cape Province in the National Schools Netball Championships.

I want to thank our teams and schools for keeping the game of netball alive. The games were played by youngsters (teenagers), all of which were in high energetic spirit. Narsingstraat Primary has made the municipality proud for qualifying to represent Eastern Cape Province. This gives hope that with sport, their dreams to play for the national team, can be realized. Sport is an important tool to keep our children safe and away from the dependency on drugs and substance abuse.

In this edition, I also share with you about our efforts to ensure that government services and products reach you, as a citizen and end-consumer. We share with you the experience of our government departments, parastatals and non-profit organisations to bring services to the people. We showcase our efforts to bring services on wheels to communities to ensure that residents of BNLM in our rural towns receive services from the government, where they live. Communities such as Klipplaat, Aberdeen and Baviaans Kloof have had experiences of getting services within their areas, thought out Inter-Governmental Relations (IGR) Services-On-Wheels Programmes. The latest being the Career-Expo Programme that was hosted at the Thambalesizwe Community Hall in Aberdeen. This is our continued effort to work with stakeholders and departments, through the IGR Programme to bring better uninterrupted services to you as residents.

In this edition, we also highlight our service delivery projects that are geared towards the improved quality of water and the maintenance of our road infrastructure. As a municipality we understand that the quality of our network is important to keep our communities connected and to ensure residents get to where they find services in a safe and reliable manner.

ENJOY THIS EDITION.

Thank you.

CLLR Willem Safers

BNLM Mayor

WATER TREATMENT PLANT REFURBISHED TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY



The Dr Beyers Naude Local Municipality has been grappling with severe drought conditions, with the Nqweba Dam reaching a critically low level of 0% over the past few years and dependent on groundwater sources. In response to this challenge, the Municipality initiated plans for the refurbishment of the Graaff-Reinet drinking water treatment plant. Subsequently, comprehensive business plans were developed and submitted to the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), which were approved. This approval provided the necessary funding for the commencement of the project, which coincided with a period of substantial and consistent rainfall contributing to Nqweba Dam levels current 101 % full of capacity.

Findings:

The primary objective of the refurbishment project was to address mechanical, electrical, and civil work at the drinking water treatment plant. The scope of the refurbishment included the following key components:

1. **Inlet Channel and Telemetry:** The refurbishment of the inlet channel and telemetry aimed to optimize the intake of raw water into the treatment process, ensuring efficient and reliable water supply to the plant.
2. **Clarifiers:** The refurbishment of clarifiers focused on enhancing the settling and separation of suspended solids from the water, thereby improving the overall treatment efficiency.
3. **Sand Filtration:** This component involved the refurbishment of sand filtration systems, essential for removing impurities and particles from the water, contributing to an enhanced water quality output.
4. **Chlorination/Disinfection:** Refurbishment of the chlorination and disinfection systems was crucial to ensuring that the treated water meets the required safety and quality standards for public consumption as per SANS 241.
5. **Blower, Main Pump Station and Clear Well:** The refurbishment of the blower, clear well and main pump station was undertaken to improve the overall operational efficiency and reliability of the water treatment process.
6. **Building:** Refurbishment of the existing infrastructure and buildings aimed to create a conducive and safe working environment for plant personnel, ultimately contributing to the overall effectiveness of the treatment operations.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT REFURBISHED TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY..... Continued



7. Safety and Security Systems: The project also encompassed the enhancement of safety and security systems within the plant premises, ensuring the well-being of personnel and the protection of critical assets.

Conclusion:

In summary, the refurbishment of the Graaff-Reinet drinking water treatment plant represents a vital initiative undertaken by the Municipality to address the challenges posed by the drought and to ensure the provision of safe and reliable drinking water to the residents. The successful completion of this project significantly enhanced the operational capacity and resilience of the treatment plant, ultimately benefiting the community at large.



BNLM WELCOMES NEW PR COUNCILLOR

The BNLM Speaker, Cllr Cheslin Felix, has welcomed the swearing-in of Cllr Johnnika Jillian Arries at a ceremony at the Auditorium Building today.

Cllr Arries is a new member that replaces the late Cllr Gary Joseph Wienahn who passed away earlier this year.

Cllr Ewald Loock, who is the DA Caucus leader also extended a warm word of welcome to Cllr Johnnika Arries.

Magistrate Noxolo Daca officially swore in Cllr Johnnika Arries, in the presence of Cllrs Ewald Loock, Sakkie van Zyl, Ricardo Smith, Anella Koeberg, Joy Williams and Council Speaker Cheslin Felix. Corporate Services Director, Zoleka Kali and Administration Manager, Neliswa Oliphant were also in attendance.



Caption: (Picture 1) Magistrate Noxolo Daca welcomes Cllr Arries at the swearing in held at the Auditorium Building this week. (Picture 2) The signing of the Oath of Office was signed by Cllr Arries while DA Caucus Leader, Cllr Ewald Loock looks on.

STORM WATER CONTROL AND RESTORATION FOR NIEU-BETHESDA



The Dr Beyers Naude Local Municipality has recently restored the Storm water control and stream restoration in Nieu Bethesda. This in an effort to reduce erosion along water channels.

No matter the system used, the water must go somewhere and should not found in unwanted spaces such as houses and businesses. Through this effort the municipality is ensuring that living areas remain accessible and are liveable.

Stream restoration can complement effective stormwater treatment to reduce erosion and pollutant loading,



Mr. Jacques Stannard

Mr. Ettiene Thomas

Mr. Jimmy Joubert

Hard-work to ensure that *electricity* remains affordable ...



The Dr. Beyers Naude Local Municipality is hard at work to ensure that electricity remains affordable and always available to its residents. This project will be a landmark in ensuring that the municipality complies with its constitutional mandate of providing a sustainable electricity distribution service. This project is spearheaded by the Dr. Beyers Local Municipality and Utility Consulting Solutions.

(CFO), Mr. Jimmy Joubert, and Mr. Ettiene Thomas, (CCO) of Utility Consulting Solutions (UCS),

This week, the municipality's Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Mr. Jimmy Joubert, and Mr. Ettiene Thomas, Chief Commercial Officer of Utility Consulting Solutions (UCS), visited numerous businesses in Graaff-Reinet to encourage businesses to join the municipality on this exciting journey of alternative electricity trading. They encouraged businesses to register on the My Munic App, which offers them the option of registering as both consumers and/or suppliers of green electricity

This pioneering effort marks a significant step in the town's journey to becoming more environmentally friendly and energy efficient.

The installation intervention is not just a technological upgrade; it's a gateway to more sustainable energy practices. The smart UCS electricity trading platform, in conjunction with the municipally deployed Automated Metering Reading (AMR) solution, makes it possible for all consumers to feed excess green energy back into the municipal grid, whereafter the municipality compensates all participants at an attractive rate.



The new smart electricity trading platform offers advanced functionalities, including load management, data storage, simplified billing for bidirectional power, and close-to-realtime validation of legislatively-complaint-green energy trading, making it easier for the DBNLM and Utility Consulting Services to offer a first-in-country smart alternative and day trading electricity service to all its account holders.

All consumers are encouraged to join this initiative by registering <https://mymunicapp.co.za> website, all consumers can finally enjoy the benefits of green energy on a daily basis.

For more information, visit the official <https://mymunicapp.co.za> website.

STREETLIGHT REPAIR & REPLACEMENT PROJECT UNDERTAKEN IN NIEU-BETHESDA



ESKOM and Dr Beyers Naude Local Municipality (BNLM) have recently undertaken a programme to repair and replace streetlights in Pienaarsig and the town area of Nieu-Bethesda. This action will promote Community Safety and will ensure that community members can interact after daytime.

This project with ESKOM is also geared at improving the quality of life in communities of the Dr Beyers Naude Local Municipal area. The streetlights are installed and maintained to enhance community safety in public places. It is also to improve visibility at night times in the area. Streetlight also serve as a deterrent to criminal operatives and also improve public safety.

YOUTH ENTREPRENEURIAL AND SKILLS EXPO WAS HELD IN ABERDEEN



The youth of Aberdeen and other sectors of Aberdeen recently enjoyed and participated in a Youth Entrepreneurial and Skills Expo at the Thembalesizwe Community Hall.

This programme has brought services of government to this community.

The programme is a collaboration of the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS), BNLM, The Department of Employment and Labour (DoL), the South African Revenue Services (SARS) and 3 Eastern Cape based Tertiary Institutions, Walter Sisulu University (WSU), the University of Fort Hare and the EMC.

MAYOR SAFERS DONATED TROPHIES TO YOUTH DAY NETBALL CELEBRATIONS.

The Dr Beyers Naude Netball Association has expressed gratitude to the BNLM Mayor, Cllr Willem Safers, for his kind contribution and donation towards the successful celebration of the Youth Day 2024. This came after the mayor had donated trophies and medals for teams and players that have prestigiously performed during this tournament and activities of the day.

Mrs Gloria Williams, Chairperson of the Dr Beyers Naude Netball Association, thanked the mayor on behalf of the Association.

"We, as the executive committee would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for assisting us with our Youth Day Celebrations. We thank your office for providing us with trophies and medals, which was distributed to the winning teams.

"We thank you for your ongoing support and prayers in building young women and girls in Netball. May the Lord grant your office prosperity, and may the remaining years continue to be fruitful to your community," her statement read.

The mayor received these well-wishes with an open and satisfied heart. "Our assistance came to support the dream of young players, who if nurtured correctly, can be the crop of national players of our land," the mayor said,



Caption: Excited young players, from different clubs too time to pose for a Picture with the BNLM Mayor, Cllr Willem Safers (middle and dressed in black) and Ward 3 Councillor Anella Koeberg. On display is some of the donated trophies and medals received by the Dr Beyers Naude Netball Association.

PICTORIAL DISPLAY OF DIFFERENT CLUBS POSING WITH THE MAYOR ON THE YOUTH DAY CELEBRATIONS





NOTICES...



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IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL VALUATION ROLL PRE-OBJECTIONS - EFFECTIVE 01 JULY 2024

Notice Number: 168/2024

Date: 08/07/2024

The objection period for the new General Valuation Roll closed on 30 April 2024 and all objections were handed over to the Municipal Valuer.

The Municipal Valuer will consider the values per each objection received and respond in writing, per objection, of the outcome thereof. It is anticipated that the process will be finalised by 31 August 2024.

The General Valuation Roll (GV) comes in effect, 01 July 2024 as published with the current values.

All amended valuations will be implemented with the first (1st) Compulsory Supplementary valuations post the General Valuation.

For any queries related to Municipal valuation objections, please contact Ms. H. Gerber (gerberh@bnlm.gov.za) or Mrs. D.R. Thorne (thorned@bnlm.gov.za)

MUNICIPAL MANAGER
DR E.M. RANKWANA



NOTICE COMMUNITY MEMBERS: WILLOWMORE INTERRUPTION OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY (ESKOM OUTAGE) NOTICE NUMBER 171/ 2024

NOTICE is hereby given that an interruption of electricity supply will take place on **Wednesday 24 July 2024** from **08H30 to 16H30** to perform urgent maintenance work. In the event of inclement weather, the interruption will be postponed to **Wednesday 31 July 2024** from **08H30 to 16H30**. No guarantee can be given that the supply will remain off for the whole of the time specified, therefore consumers are warned that their installations must be considered live at all times.

KENNISGEWING geskied hiermee dat die elektrisiteitstoevoer afgesluit sal wees tussen **08H30 en 16H30 op Woensdag 24 Julie 2024** om dringende onderhoudswerk uit te voer. In die geval van ongunstige weer, sal die onderbreking van toevoer uitgestel word tot **Woensdag, 31 Julie 2024** vanaf **08H30 tot 16H30**.

Geen waarborg kan gegee word dat die kragtoevoer vir die hele tydperk afgesluit sal wees nie, en verbruikers moet dit beskou asof die krag die hele tyd voorsien word.

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DR. E.M. RANKWANA
MUNICIPAL MANAGER

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WATER-SUPPLY INTERRUPTION NOTICE 10 JULY 2024 STEYTLERVILLE

Notice is hereby given that Municipal Boreholes are currently inactive due to an ESKOM fault. Electricity Supply to our Electric-Pumps has been negatively affected and pumps are unable to produce the required to reservoirs.

ESKOM has been informed and is aware of the fault. We are awaiting ESKOM's feedback.

The electrical fault may negatively affect water-supply, as reservoir levels might be affected.

Residents are urged to use water resources sparingly and with great caution. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Dr E. M. RANKWANA
MUNICIPAL MANAGER



Head Office