

STEYTLERVILLE SHINES: ONE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S CLEANEST TOWNS!

DR BEYERS NAUDE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



COLLIE KOEBERG STADIUM DEVELOPMENTS

Contributed by the Collie Koeberg Turf Revival Team

Collie Koeberg Stadium Fields Bloom Anew: Graaff-Reinet's Sporting Gem

Graaff-Reinet – The historic Collie Koeberg Stadium is once again wearing a vibrant green coat, thanks to the dedication and resilience of a local team that refused to be defeated by nature's challenges.

The project began in December at a difficult time when specialised contractors were scarce. A committed team of 12 local personnel stepped forward every day to tackle the specialised work of planting quality grass on three multi-purpose soccer and rugby fields and one cricket field, while installing an effective irrigation system. Most team members were taking on this type of work for the first time.

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Mayor's Foreword

It is my privilege to present this edition of the Dr Beyers Naudé Local Municipality Newsletter, reflecting on the progress we continue to make in improving the lives of our residents and strengthening service delivery across our towns.

Over the past quarter, the Municipality has made meaningful strides in key priority areas, including infrastructure development, water and sanitation services, electricity reliability, and local economic development. Projects such as the revitalisation of the Collie Koeberg Stadium, the rollout of the Multi-Purpose Community Centre in Graaff-Reinet, and ongoing road and stormwater maintenance programmes demonstrate our commitment to building resilient and inclusive communities.

We are equally encouraged by the continued success of our social and economic initiatives. From job creation through programmes such as the Spekboom Project and EPWP engagements, to the handover of title deeds and support for vulnerable households, we remain focused on ensuring that development reaches every corner of our municipality. These efforts are complemented by our commitment to transparency, public participation, and strengthening partnerships with stakeholders across all sectors.

In line with our constitutional mandate and planning cycle, Council has taken an important step by approving the **Draft Integrated Development Plan (IDP)** and **Draft Budget** for the 2026/2027 financial year. This milestone reflects our collective vision for sustainable growth, improved service delivery, and responsible financial management. The Draft IDP and Budget are informed by community inputs and outline our strategic priorities for the year ahead, including infrastructure investment, economic development, and social upliftment.

We encourage all residents and stakeholders to actively participate in the public consultation processes that will follow, as your input remains vital in shaping a responsive and people-centred municipality.

While we acknowledge the challenges that remain—ranging from infrastructure backlogs to external pressures such as climate impacts and economic constraints—we are confident that through collaboration, innovation, and accountability, we will continue to move our municipality forward.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the Council, administration, community stakeholders, and residents for their continued support, resilience, and partnership.

Together, we are building a municipality that we can all be proud of.

Cllr W. Safers
Executive Mayor
Dr Beyers Naudé Local Municipality

COLLIE KOEBERG STADIUM FIELDS BLOOM ANEW: LOCAL TEAM OVERCOMES ADVERSITY TO RESTORE GRAAFF-REINET'S SPORTING GEM

Their journey was not without setbacks. Heavy rains and flooding washed away significant portions of the preparation work, testing the team's patience and resolve. Yet, through careful site audits, smooth operations, and sheer determination, they pushed forward and are now completing the project in good time. The fields today stand lush and healthy, transforming the entire facility into a proud asset once more.

The team went well beyond the original scope. In addition to the main fields, they installed extra drip irrigation around the trees on the premises, giving the whole complex a fresher, greener appearance. "Graaff-Reinet is a special town with special people," a team member reflected. "We didn't just want to finish the job – we wanted to add real, lasting value."

Many on the team have deep personal connections to Collie Koeberg. They played on these same fields during their school days, breaking records and participating in Eastern Province (EP) trials. For them, restoring the stadium feels like a full-circle moment of giving back to the place that once shaped them.

As the project nears completion, the team is working closely with the Groundsman and his staff to ensure a thorough and effective handover. Their sincere hope is that these fields will receive the ongoing care they deserve, remaining in excellent condition for at least the next 20 years.

When a facility like Collie Koeberg is held in good condition and respected by the entire community, it becomes far more than just grass and goalposts.

It becomes a powerful space that brings people together – young and old, across different backgrounds. Sport has always had this unique ability in South Africa: to unite a nation, heal divisions, and create shared moments of pride and joy. Collie Koeberg can once again play that vital role for Graaff-Reinet. This project also serves as a reminder that our town still holds precious gems.

By purposefully repurposing and revitalising existing community assets, we are breathing new life into what already belongs to all of us. With continued community pride, municipal support, and collective respect, these restored fields can inspire the next generation of athletes while honouring the legacy of those who came before.

The lush green fields at Collie Koeberg Stadium are not merely a landscaping achievement – they are a promise to our youth, a tribute to past sporting heroes, and a gift to future generations. May this beloved landmark remain the beating heart of sport and unity in Graaff-Reinet for many years to come.



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KAROO GEOPHYSICAL RESEARCH SURVEY



SARAH BAARTMAN & CHRIS HANI NOTICE



RESEARCH SEISMIC SURVEYS: KAROO GEOSCAN

Notice: To inform you that a team of Research Scientists led by Wits University & PASA will be in your area conducting **Research Seismic Surveys** for 5 months (April to August 2026).

Purpose: To map underground geology including water aquifers, minerals, and energy resources. The survey uses sound waves to create images of subsurface structures up to 7km deep.

The team will be operating along public roads shown on the map below!

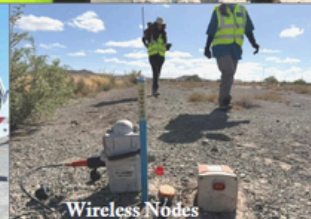
What residents will see: Vibrator trucks on public roads and wireless data collection nodes on the roadside. This is non-invasive research - there is no drilling or blasting.



How to identify our team:
Branded Reflector Vests
"Karoo GeoScan Project"



Vibrator Trucks



Wireless Nodes



LOOKING BENEATH THE SURFACE: KAROO STUDY PROJECT

The Sarah Baartman District Municipality today joined key national and provincial stakeholders in Dr Beyers Naude Local Municipality for the Technical Launch of the Eastern Cape 2D Seismic Survey, forming part of Phase 2 of the Shale Gas Research Project.

Executive Mayor, Cllr Deon de Vos, welcomed delegates and reaffirmed the District's commitment to supporting initiatives that are grounded in credible research, while also ensuring environmental responsibility and community interests remain a priority.

In the short term, the project creates temporary job opportunities for field assistants and security personnel, while also providing basic training that enables participants to gain new skills and valuable work experience.

The launch marks an important milestone in advancing scientific research aimed at better understanding the country's natural resources. The project, implemented in partnership with COGTA, the Petroleum Agency South Africa (PASA), and Wits Enterprise, will see the acquisition of high-quality geophysical data across the Karoo region

The Municipality recognises the potential of this project to contribute to informed decision-making, future economic opportunities, and sustainable development within the region.

This exposure helps build capacity in areas such as teamwork, discipline, and safety awareness. Although the project does not promise immediate economic gains, its findings may contribute to identifying important resources such as groundwater, minerals, or energy sources beneath the Karoo.

The Karoo Geoscan Seismic Survey Project brings a number of short-term and potential long-term benefits to local communities, even though it is primarily a research initiative.

In the long run, this could open the door to future development initiatives and economic growth in the region. Additionally, the project promotes community awareness and engagement by improving understanding of the area's natural resources and the purpose of the surveys

GRAAFF-REINET'S MPCC PROJECT BREAKS GROUND: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT KICKS OFF.

17 February 2026

The long anticipated construction of the Multi-Purpose Community Centre (MPCC) in Graaff-Reinet has officially moved from planning to implementation phase. After several years in the planning stages, the project is now set to commence on site.

Today, a community meeting was held to introduce the contractor and the consulting engineers who will be working on the project. Community members had the chance to meet the project team and hear about the next steps.

The project team outlined plans for site establishment, which will begin shortly, marking a significant milestone in the rollout of the MPCC. In addition, the meeting facilitated the selection of Project

Steering Committee (PSC) members, who were nominated and voted for by the community to ensure local representation and active participation throughout the construction process.

This is an important step towards building a centre that will provide services and support to the people of Graaff-Reinet.

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The Vrygrond meeting took place at the Masizakhe Community Hall, while the Reimvasmaak session was hosted at the Asherville Assemblies of God Church.

These sessions were more than just introductions—they were about building trust and setting the tone for open, transparent collaboration. Community members had the opportunity to engage directly with the service providers and to formally elect Project Steering Committees for their respective wards. Three representatives per ward were elected, giving communities a clear voice in how the projects will unfold.

The role of these representatives was carefully explained: they act as a vital link between the Municipality, service providers, and the community. This structure ensures that information flows both ways, concerns are addressed early, and decisions are made in a way that is visible and accountable. In short, it puts transparency in governance into practice—making sure the community is not just informed, but actively involved.

The Reimvasmaak meeting also included a special second component: the handover of title deeds by the MEC from the Department of Human Settlements, alongside Municipal Housing officials. A total of 17 title deeds were handed over to beneficiaries of the 455 Day Hospital and Geluksdal projects, with priority given to elderly and disabled residents. It was a genuinely joyful moment, with beneficiaries celebrating the security and pride that comes with owning their homes—a reminder of the real, human impact behind these projects.

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On 16 March 2026, the Engineering Consultants, MJM Consulting, and the Contractor, Platinum Construction, were officially introduced to the beneficiary communities.



TRAFFIC BULLETIN

#ARRIVE_ALIVE - #SAFER_ROADS_FOR_ALL - #CHOOSETOBE SAFE



DANGERS OF UNROADWORTHY VEHICLES

by TRAFFIC OFFICER -S. BIKO

Mechanical Failure & Accidents

Vehicles with worn tyres, defective brakes, faulty lighting, or other mechanical problems are significantly harder to control and are far more likely to be involved in collisions.

High-Risk Vehicles

Studies consistently show that hundreds of thousands of unroadworthy vehicles—including public transport vehicles such as taxis and buses—operate on South African roads. These vehicles frequently contribute to severe and fatal accidents.

Overloading

Commercial and public transport vehicles that operate while overloaded suffer reduced stability and compromised steering, increasing the risk of rollover or loss of control.

DANGERS OF DRIVING WITHOUT A LICENSE

Lack of Verified Competence

A valid driver's licence confirms that a driver has the required skills and knowledge of road rules. Operating a vehicle without one indicates a lack of proven competence, which increases the risk of dangerous behaviour on the road.

Increased Safety Risk

Unlicensed drivers may not know how to respond to hazardous conditions—such as potholes, poor visibility, or wet roads—placing other motorists and pedestrians in danger.

Impact on Society

Economic Costs

Road accidents involving unroadworthy vehicles or unlicensed drivers cost the economy billions of rand annually in vehicle damage, emergency response, and healthcare.

Threat to Public Transport Users

Learners using scholar transport and commuters relying on taxis are placed at serious risk when vehicles are unroadworthy or operated by unlicensed drivers. These vehicles become "potential death traps" that endanger the broader community.

TOTAL VEHICLES STOPPED -270
TOTAL SUMMONS 56 ISSUED -21
TOTAL AMOUNT R29 500

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INTERVIEW INSIGHTS: HIGHLIGHTS FROM DR BEYERS NAUDÉ LOCAL MUNICIPALITY'S RECENT RADIO ENGAGEMENT

KEITH NGESI RADIO
12 FEBRUARY 2026

ON SERVICE DELIVERY HIGHLIGHTS

1. Municipal Background & Identity

The interview opened with a powerful overview of the municipality's heritage, geography, and economic significance.

Key highlights include:

- DBNLM is one of South Africa's largest municipalities, covering 28,600 km² and serving 100,000+ residents.
- Formed in 2016 through the merger of Camdeboo, Ikwezi, and Baviaans municipalities.
- Anchored by Graaff-Reinet, a historic town known for the highest number of national monuments in the country.

Strong economic contributions in agriculture (wool, mohair, Karoo Lamb, ostrich) and tourism

2. Major Service Delivery Improvements in Water & Sanitation

Cllr Kekana highlighted notable progress made over the past year:

- Extended water supply hours in towns such as Willowmore and Steytlerville.
- Infrastructure upgrades to pumps, pipes, and purification systems.
- Achieved over 99% microbiological compliance in drinking water quality.

3. Energy & Electricity: Modernising for Reliability

Key advancements shared during the interview include:

- Rollout of 1 100+ LED streetlights across DBNLM to improve safety and energy efficiency.
- Progress in renewable energy installations, including solar-battery systems in Willowmore and Graaff-Reinet.
- Completion of Phase One of the SSEG Programme, ensuring legislative compliance and readiness for broader solar rollouts.
- Upcoming launch of municipally supplied household solar solutions, including youth training and skills programmes.

4. Roads, Potholes & Stormwater Management

Residents' concerns were addressed with an update on maintenance programmes:

- Weekly pothole repair operations across wards.
- Clearing stormwater channels and reinforcing flood-prone areas.
- Continued prioritisation due to recent heavy rains.

5. Economic Development & Local Job Creation

Momentum is building through strong partnerships:

- The Spekboom Project has supported 200+ jobs and helped grow 30+ local SMMEs.
- Ongoing support for cooperatives and tourism enterprises.
- Strengthened planning for the Local Tourism Organisation.

6. Housing Delivery & Title Deeds

Steady progress was reported on human settlement initiatives:

- Completion of 58 new houses in Steytlerville (pending electrical compliance).
- 1 100+ title deeds ready for distribution to rightful beneficiaries.
- Coordination with Human Settlements to finalise applications in multiple towns.

7. Strengthening Public Engagement

The municipality emphasized improvements in communication:

- Regular newsletters and announcements.
- Active rollout of the IDP 2026–2027 cycle, focused on governance, infrastructure, and long-term growth.

8. Addressing Delays & Infrastructure

Challenges

Acknowledging resident frustrations, the interview detailed:

- Interventions for slow or underperforming contractors.
- Efforts to boost internal technical capacity.
- Rapid response to Eskom-related power faults affecting water systems.

9. What Residents Can Expect Going Forward (2026 Focus)

The municipality reaffirmed its commitment to:

- Strengthening basic services
- Expanding economic opportunities
- Investing in youth development
- Building transparent, accountable governance

10. Closing Message

Cllr Kekana thanked residents for their patience and partnership, reaffirming that DBNLM is "moving in the right direction" and committed to building a stronger, more resilient municipality

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SERVICE DELIVERY HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Beyers NMunicipality – Infrastructure Project Summary

We are pleased to share a progress update on key infrastructure projects across our municipality. While most projects are advancing well, a few have faced contractor challenges and are currently being re-procured.

Projects Making Good Progress

- Upgrading of Collie Koeberg Phase 2 (Ward 7): 75% complete. The new contractor (Upahla Construction) made excellent progress since December and is expected to finish by April 2026.
- Dr. Beyers Naude: Municipal Road Network (Wards 3,4,6,7): 40% complete. Gingordin Trading has resurfaced 3 roads in Willowmore and is now working on Asher, Bree, and Springbok Streets in Graaff-Reinet.
- Bridges & Culverts Refurbishment: 50% complete. Gangala Construction is actively refurbishing three bridges in Graaff-Reinet: Cypress Grove, Tronk Drift, and Duiker Street.
- June Flooding Repairs (Wards 8 & 9): 80% complete. LRC Civils is in the final stages and will finish all works by March 2026.
- MDRG 3 (Ward 11): 20% complete. Ayabona Construction has procured materials and will start installation in February 2026.

Projects Facing Challenges (Under Re-procurement)

The following projects were terminated due to poor performance. The Municipality is now in the final stages of appointing new contractors:

- 7de Laan Paving - Umasizakhe (Ward 6): Standstill. New contractor procurement underway.
- MDRG 2 (Ward 11): Standstill. New contractor procurement underway.
- Raw Water Reservoir (Ward 2): 60% complete (steel reservoir & solar array ongoing via subcontractors). Pipework contract is being re-procured.

Looking Ahead

- Completion expected April 2026: Collie Koeberg Phase 2
- Completion expected March 2026: June Flooding Repairs
- New contractors expected soon: 7de Laan Paving, MDRG 2, and Raw Water Reservoir pipework.

We thank residents for their patience as we work to deliver these vital services. Further updates will be provided

SERVICE DELIVERY HIGHLIGHTS

Water & Sanitation Improvements

- Increased Water Supply: Extended daily water access in Willowmore and Steylerville, moving toward more reliable service.
- Infrastructure Upgrades: Pipe upgrades, telemetry systems, and pump station refurbishments are reducing sewer spills and improving reliability.
- Water Quality Excellence: Achieved 99.9% microbiological drinking water compliance over the past two years.
- Drought Response: Rapid deployment of water tanks and boreholes helped communities during critical shortages.
- Anti-vandalism measures: fencing, CCTV, and community awareness

Electricity & Energy Advancements

- LED Streetlight Upgrades: Over 1,100 energy-efficient LED lights installed across Graaff-Reinet, Aberdeen, Jansenville, and other towns.
- Renewable Energy Milestone: First batch of solar power batteries arrived for installation in Willowmore and Graaff-Reinet.
- Affordable Energy Program: Launched a Small-Scale Embedded Generation (SSEG) Program to promote sustainable and affordable electricity.
- High Mast Light Repairs: Restored lighting in Umasizakhe, improving community safety.

Roads & Stormwater Maintenance

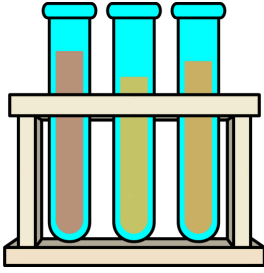
- Pothole Repairs Underway: Active maintenance in areas including Spandiaville, Horshoe, Kroonvale, and Aberdeen.
- Stormwater Systems Cleaned: Catch pits, manholes, and drainage channels cleared to reduce flood risks in town areas.
- Weekly Road Maintenance Program: Ongoing efforts to ensure safer and well-maintained roads across the municipality.

Local Economic Development & Partnerships

- Spekboom Project Partnership: Collaboration with Net Carbon and Imperative has created 200+ local jobs and supported 30+ SMMEs.
- Cooperative Training: Willowmore cooperatives received capacity-building training, strengthening local farming and business sectors.
- Global Entrepreneurship Workshop: Supported tourism SMMEs with information on market access and funding opportunities
- Establishment of Tourism LTO - important step towards strengthening tourism development, marketing and collaboration with the Dr Beyers Naude Local Municipality region

Commitment to Transparency & Engagement

- Regular public reports, mayoral newsletters, and incident updates keep residents informed.



PUBLIC NOTICE: CONFIRMATION OF DRINKING WATER QUALITY – SANS 241 COMPLIANCE

Dear residents

The Dr Beyers Naudé Local Municipality wishes to inform all residents that, following precautionary concerns raised regarding the quality of water supplied from the Nqweba Dam, water samples were duly collected and submitted to an accredited laboratory for comprehensive analysis.

The Municipality hereby confirms that the laboratory results indicate that the water quality is fully compliant with the South African National Standard for Drinking Water Quality (SANS 241:2015).

All tested microbiological, chemical, and physical parameters fall within the prescribed limits as set out in SANS 241, confirming that the water is safe for human consumption and domestic use.

Residents are therefore assured that the municipal water supply remains safe and poses no risk to public health.

The Municipality appreciates the cooperation and patience of the community during the precautionary period and remains committed to continuous water quality monitoring to ensure compliance with national standards.

Issued by:

Dr E M Rankwana
Municipal Manager

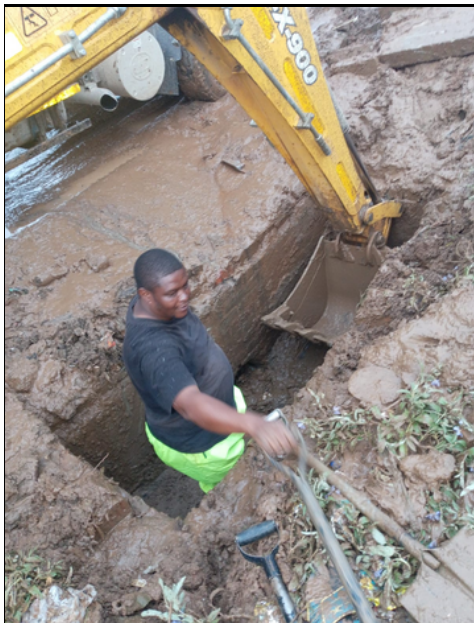
Dr Beyers Naudé Local Municipality

Date: 05 - 02 -2026





STORM WATER DRAINS CLEARED



STORM WATER DRAINS CLEARED



GRADING OPERATIONS



Grass planting of B,C,



and D fields - Collie Koeberg



GRADING OPERATIONS



WILLOWMORE STREETS RESEALED



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SOLAR PANELS FOR HOUSEHOLDS AND BATTERIES TO BE INSTALLED

DR BEYERS NAUDÉ LM TRANSPORT FORUM – 2ND QUARTERLY MEETING UPDATE 5 MARCH 2026

The Dr Beyers Naudé Local Municipality successfully convened its second Transport Forum meeting on 5 March, bringing together key stakeholders from the Eastern Cape Department of Transport, municipal representatives, public transport role-players, and sector departments.

The session strengthened the collaborative work started in November, focusing on improving road infrastructure, aligning transport plans with community needs, and enhancing service delivery across the municipality.

Stakeholders engaged on issues such as road maintenance, scholar transport, public transport challenges, law-enforcement coordination, and the importance of capacitating forum members to better support local communities.

Key updates were shared regarding ongoing departmental interventions, road safety initiatives, and mechanisms to improve communication between the municipality, district, and provincial structures including railway related matters.

The forum continues to play a crucial role in ensuring that transport-related projects are effectively planned, monitored, and aligned with the IDP.



The Municipality appreciates the active participation of all stakeholders and remains committed to strengthening this platform as a vital link between government and the communities we serve. Together, we are building safer, more accessible, and more reliable transport systems for all.

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COMMUNITY VOICES ENGAGED DURING EPWP LISTENING TOUR



Mayor W. Safers, Dr Beyers Naude LM on Algoa FM
Speaking about the Impact of EPWP

EPWP LISTENING TOUR STRENGTHENED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND JOB CREATION EFFORTS IN DR BEYERS NAUDÉ

The stakeholder engagement session, led by the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, Mr Dean Macpherson, brought together community members, EPWP beneficiaries, and key stakeholders to reflect on the implementation and impact of the EPWP in improving livelihoods at the local level.

The engagement provided an important platform for community voices to be heard, allowing participants to raise concerns, share ideas, and contribute to strengthening collaboration between government and local partners. Discussions focused on advancing sustainable job creation, improving programme delivery, and ensuring meaningful socio-economic benefits for communities.

Through this EPWP Listening Tour, the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure reaffirmed its commitment to inclusive development, responsive governance, and the principle of leaving no one behind as it works towards building resilient communities across the Eastern Cape.

MINSTERS AND THE EC MEC

Eastern Cape MEC for Public Works and Infrastructure, Ms Siphokazi Lusithi, participated in the Ministerial Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) Listening Tour held on 16 March 2026 at the Full Gospel Church of God in Graaff-Reinet Town, within the Dr Beyers Naudé Local Municipality.

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EC.MEC, Ms S. Lusithi - Minister of PWI Mr Dean Macpherson - Ms S J Graham-Maré Deputy Minister of Electricity and Energy





The Top Achievers Awards Ceremony,

The Top Achievers Awards Ceremony, held on 26 January 2026 at the Botanical Gardens, was a resounding success. The event celebrated academic excellence and honoured outstanding students for their achievements during the 2025 academic year.

The ceremony was attended by parents, school principals, representatives from the Department of Labour, the Department of Education, and various municipal officials, reflecting a strong collaborative commitment to supporting youth development and education.

The programme featured a formal procession, followed by inspirational messages and prayers.

Welcoming remarks were delivered by Ms. E. Abader, and the keynote address was presented by Mayor W. Safers, who encouraged learners to continue striving for greatness.

One of the highlights of the event was the beautiful musical rendition by the Wessels Sisters, whose soulful performance added elegance and warmth to the celebration.

Top achievers were proudly awarded certificates, special awards, gifts, and vouchers in recognition of their hard work and dedication.

A heartfelt response on behalf of the achievers was delivered by Ms. Erin Gedult, expressing gratitude to educators, parents, and all supporting stakeholders.

Messages of support from the Department of Education, the Department of Labour, and other partners further reinforced the importance of nurturing academic excellence.

The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks and a recessional to the classic “Auld Lang Syne”, ending the event on a celebratory and reflective note.

Overall, the awards ceremony was a memorable occasion filled with inspiration, recognition, and community pride.

Kindness and generosity have always been great foundations for building a productive corporate culture.

MEC PROVINCIAL BACK TO SCHOOL CAMPAIGN



The MEC for Social Development, Ms Fanta, is today leading sister departments, including the Department of Education, accompanied by the Dr Beyers Naudé Local Municipality Mayor and leadership, at Asherville Public School in Graaff-Reinet.

This visit forms part of the Provincial Back to School Programme aimed at supporting learners as they begin the 2026 academic year. Government came bearing much-needed assistance to ease the financial and social burden of back-to-school preparations on children and parents, particularly in vulnerable communities.

The programme reflects a coordinated government effort to promote access to education, learner wellbeing, dignity, and a strong start to the school year, while strengthening partnerships between schools, parents, and the state

An early start under the Spandou Kop, marked a beautiful beginning to Day 2 of the Provincial Back to School Campaign at Isibane Primary School in uMasizakhe, Graaff-Reinet. The morning is filled with devotion, song and prayer as angelic voices lifted the spirit of the school, joined in worship led by the MEC. It was a powerful reminder that education is nurtured not only in classrooms, but through hope, unity and faith.

As we continue this journey, we reaffirm our commitment to creating safe, caring and inspiring spaces where every learner can thrive. #DSDCARES #ecdscd #backtoschool #BuildingACaringSocietyTogether

BACK TO SCHOOL
PROGRAMME



Willowmore Safety Campaign Concludes with Community Imbizo

The two-day Safety Campaign in Willowmore concluded today with a community engagement session held at Hillview Community Hall, bringing together government departments, law enforcement agencies, community structures and residents in a united stand against crime.

The final leg of the campaign took the form of an Imbizo, creating a platform for open dialogue where community members were afforded the opportunity to raise their concerns directly with relevant authorities. The engagement was attended by representatives from the Department of Home Affairs (DHA), Dr Beyers Naudé Local Municipality (DBNLM), Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEDEAT), South African Police Service (SAPS), Department of Justice and Constitutional Services (DJ&CS), Community Policing Forum (CPF), Department of Education (DOE), Department of Social Development (DSD), Legal Aid South Africa, National Prosecuting Authority (NPA), Department of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture (DSRAC), Department of Health (DoH), Department of Community Services and the Automotive Industry Development Corporation (AIDC).



The Imbizo followed a series of murders that occurred in Willowmore during the festive season, which left the community traumatised and deeply concerned about safety and security in the town. Residents used the platform to voice issues relating to crime and safety, unresolved criminal cases, housing challenges, drug and substance abuse, support for the elderly, and high levels of unemployment.

The overall message emerging from the Imbizo was clear and resolute: crime and criminals will not be allowed to rule communities. Achieving safer towns requires a collective effort, where government, community organisations and residents work together in unity to restore safety, dignity and hope in Willowmore.

The Safety Campaign reaffirmed the importance of collaboration, accountability and ongoing engagement as key pillars in the fight against crime, and marked an important step towards rebuilding trust and strengthening community safety in the town.



Today marked an important build-up towards the Safety Imbizo taking place tomorrow in Willowmore.

As part of a coordinated effort to promote safety, compliance and economic development, the Sarah Baartman District Municipality (SBDM), in partnership with Dr Beyers Naudé Local Municipality (DBNLM), DEDEAT, Department of Home Affairs (DHA), DSRAC and SAPS, conducted a Blitz Operation in Willowmore focusing on the compliance of spaza shops.

At the same time, the Automotive Industry Development Corporation (AIDC) partnered with SBDM to engage local mechanics and automotive traders, promoting the Automotive Aftermarket Support Programme, aimed at strengthening and supporting small businesses in the sector.

These initiatives form part of a broader, integrated approach to safety, regulation and economic empowerment, all leading up to tomorrow's stakeholder and community engagement session at Hillview Community Hall.

Date: Friday, 30 January 2026

Time: 10:00 am

Venue: Hillview Community Hall, Willowmore



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Impact Report

Preliminary Weather Impact Report: Steytlerville

Date of Incident: 18 March 2026
Compiled for: Dr Beyers Naudé Local Municipality (DBNLM)
Area Affected: Steytlerville and surrounding residential zones

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OVERVIEW OF WEATHER CONDITIONS

ON 18 MARCH 2026, STEYTLERVILLE EXPERIENCED SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS, CHARACTERISED BY:

- Heavy and persistent rainfall
- Localised flooding
- Strong winds leading to falling trees and structural impacts

The weather resulted in widespread pooling of water in residential areas and minor to moderate infrastructure damage.

2. Extent of Impact

2.1 Households Affected

Visual assessments from the site indicate:

- Several households experienced structural damage, including roof damage and compromised wall integrity.
- Some informal structures were visibly affected, with belongings displaced.
- Yard flooding and waterlogging were observed in multiple homes.

2.2 Municipal and Public Infrastructure

The following damages were noted:

- Uprooted trees blocking access routes and damaging fences.
- Flooded streets and yards, especially in low-lying areas.
- Minor damage to fencing and small municipal assets due to fallen branches.
- Electrical poles and wires appear intact, though some areas show proximity risks due to pooling water.

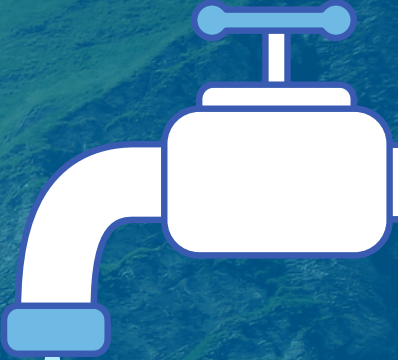
3. Human Impact

- No fatalities reported.
- No injuries reported.
- Households mainly affected through property damage and loss of structural stability.
- This confirms that while the weather event was disruptive, it did not result in human casualties, and all impacts remain at the infrastructure and property-damage level.

WATER CONSERVATION APPEAL TO ALL RESIDENTS

The Dr Beyers Naudé Local Municipality hereby appeals to all residents, businesses, and visitors to use water sparingly and practice responsible water consumption.

As we enter the summer period, combined with increasing temperatures, a rise in tourism, and the festive season, water demand is significantly increasing across all towns within the municipal area. To ensure sustainable supply and prevent potential shortages, we request the cooperation of every household and business in conserving water.



Did you know that a dripping faucet can waste up to 20 Litres of water a day?

Residents are encouraged to adopt the following water-saving measures:

- 💧 Limit watering of gardens and lawns.
- 💧 Avoid the unnecessary filling of swimming pools.
- 💧 Take shorter showers and close taps when not in use.
- 💧 Repair leaking taps, toilets, and plumbing fixtures immediately.
- 💧 Use grey water where possible for gardening and outdoor cleaning.

Every Drop Counts!
Small Changes, Big Impact
#SaveWater



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SCHEDULE

DATE	WARD	TOWN	VENUE	TIME	Chairperson
Monday, 13 April 2026	12	Steytlerville	Vuyolwethu Hall	14H00	Cllr Kekana
Monday, 13 April 2026	12	Steytlerville	Town Hall	17H00	Cllr Kekana
Tuesday, 14 April 2026	8	Willowmore	Town Hall	14H00	Cllr Look
Tuesday, 14 April 2026	8	Rietbron	Community Hall	10H00	Cllr Look
Tuesday, 14 April 2026	9	Willowmore	Kerrieblok	17H00	Cllr Look
Wednesday, 15 April 2026	8	Baviaanskloof	Community Hall	15H00	Cllr Look
Thursday, 16 April 2026	2	Nieu-Bethesda	Pienaarsig	12H00	Cllr Ruiters
Thursday, 16 April 2026	1 & 7	Aberdeen	Camdeboo School	17H00	Cllr Ruiters
Monday, 20 April 2026	2	Horseshoe/Bergendal	Auditorium	17H00	Cllr Safers
Tuesday, 21 April 2026	10	Klipplaat	Town Hall	11H00	Cllr Safers
Tuesday, 21 April 2026	11	Jansenville	Town Hall	16H00	Cllr Safers
Wednesday, 22 April 2026	3	Asherville And Santaville	PPK Church	14h00	Cllr Safers
Wednesday, 22 April 2026	7	Adendorp, Asherville, Santaville	Graaff-Reinet Primary	17h00	Cllr Safers
Thursday, 23 April 2026	4	Kroonvale	Alex Laing	17H00	Cllr Safers
Tuesday, 28 April 2026	5	Kroonvale/ Umasizakhe	Alex Laing	17H00	Cllr Safers
Wednesday, 29 April 2026	6	Umasizakhe	Community Hall	17H00	Cllr Safers

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PUBLIC NOTICE: DEBT RELIEF & INCENTIVE SCHEME 2026/2027

Dear Residents,

Notice is hereby given that Dr. Beyers Naudé Local Municipality (DBNLM) will be implementing a Debt Relief and Incentive Scheme for the 2026/2027 financial year. The purpose of this scheme is to assist qualifying consumers to settle outstanding municipal accounts and to improve revenue collection for the municipality.

SCHEME DETAILS:

Eligible consumers will be offered the following incentive:

- **Payment of 60% of the total outstanding debt**, whereupon
- **The remaining 40% of the debt will be written off,**

ENQUIRIES:

Consumers requiring further information are encouraged to visit the DBNLM Finance Department at any municipal office in all towns.

Alternatively, enquiries may be directed to:

Manager: Revenue Services

Mr R. Boggenpoel

☎ Tel: 049 807 5700

✉ Email: boggenpoelr@bnlm.gov.za

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Participation in the Debt Relief and Incentive Scheme is subject to municipal policies and compliance requirements. The Municipality reserves the right to approve or decline applications in accordance with applicable legislation and council resolutions.

Issued by:

Dr E M Rankwana
Municipal Manager

Dr Beyers Naudé Local Municipality

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BIDDING FAREWELL TO: Mr Martin Alfonso Lötter

Mr Martin Alfonso Lötter dedicated 36 years of service to local government, serving the community of Steytlerville with commitment and professionalism.

He was appointed on 1 October 1988 as Accountant/Assistant Secretary under the Vuyolwethu Committee, where his performance was described as exemplary and of a high standard. Following the 2000 merger that established the Baviaans Municipality, he was appointed Manager: Administration.

After the amalgamation of the Camdeboo, Ikwezi, and Baviaans Municipalities in 2016, Mr Lötter was placed as Area Manager: Steytlerville in 2020, a role he fulfilled with dedication until the end of his municipal career.

Known for his exceptional work ethic, Mr Lötter consistently reported for duty early and maintained a strong commitment to service delivery. He also valued a healthy work-life balance, dedicating his time outside of work to his family.

His career leaves behind a legacy of discipline, integrity, and service excellence.



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