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Road closures
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FEBRUARIE 2012

UITGAWE 7:

Finally, approval granted!

MANY residents of Montagu have voiced their concern regarding the current status of the Voortrekker Bridge and condition of the rivers at the confluence of the Keisie and Kingna Rivers. The Langeberg Municipality has embarked on an urgent primary intervention for the clearing of the Keisie, Kingna and Cogmanskloof Rivers from sediment, debris and rock which impede free river flow.

The current situation is of such a nature that, even with above average rainfall, thunder storms or cloud bursts, access to and from Montagu on the R62 is cut off and road closures are imminent.

What complicated the matter of clearing the rivers, is that there are many governmental departments involved, such as the departments of Transport and Public Works, of Water Affairs, of Environmental Development and Tourism, as well as various land owners, including the Municipality.

There were also stringent legal requirements from various acts governing clearing activities in river beds and riparian areas. The Municipal Manager, Mr S.A. Mokweni, confirmed that the Municipality and community view the flooding of the bridge to be a major problem and would like a solution as soon as possible.

In the short to medium term, it is vital that the Keisie, Kingna and Cogmanskloof Rivers are cleared of vegetation, sediment and soil deposits to ensure unimpeded flow of the river.

However, approval is necessary from the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and Tourism before any work can be executed on any river (Regulation R387 of 2006). Such work is regulated in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act of 1998 and also the National Water Act 36 of 1998.

In order to obtain approval, a River Maintenance Management Plan (RMMP) had to be compiled and approved. It was submitted, considered and duly approved by the the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning and Tourism. Further approval was granted in terms of the National Water Act by the Breede Overberg Catchment Management Agency (BOCMA).

The approval of the RMMP means that, in future, clearing of the specific rivers could be executed much easier and within a shorter time span.

Due to the urgency of the situation, the Municipality will fund the project from reserve funds while awaiting funding from other departments. The Municipality is currently busy with the tender process for the clearing of the river so that a contractor can be appointed.

It is hoped to have this project completed before the start of the winter.

Will the clearing of the rivers stop possible flooding in Montagu?

The confluence of the Keisie and Kingna Rivers (and the Cogmanskloof) – and the resulting flooding of the bridge and adjacent areas – is complex regarding solutions and long-term disaster mitigation strategies. This is due to mountain fires, which cause topsoil deterioration and debris formation, alleged poor agricultural practices, alien and particular vegetation groups in the rivers and a general instability in the river beds. The Voortrekker Bridge, at the entrance of Montagu, was initially designed as a low water bridge and there are flaws regarding supporting structures which do not cater for the water flows experienced over the last number of years due to climate change.

The long-term solution would be a redesign of the

The clearing of the river is therefore an immediate and short-term disaster risk reduction method, but will not completely eliminate future flooding and resultant road closures. It is understandable that inadvertent and unplanned operations, especially altering river flow or water volumes in rivers, can cause disastrous effects. It is clear, however, that the legal onus and accountability of river maintenance need to be cleared, as it seems that there are some grey areas in the governing legislation. To this end, the Department of Disaster Management and Fire Brigade Services' Provincial Disaster Management Centre (Western Cape) has already asked for a legal opinion regarding the way forward.

Although it was a time-consuming project, the fact that the necessary approval and authority have been obtained, will speed up intervention processes at the particular situation in Montagu, as well as the compilation of and approval for similar river management maintenance plans for other rivers in the area.



roads and/or Voortrekker Bridge, for which consultants appointed for the upgrading of the R62 have already done an analysis, identified options and submitted them to the Provincial Roads Authority for consideration and approval. This process, however, will still take a number of years to be finalised.

BKS Engineering (the consultants appointed by the Provincial Roads Authority) stated that a long-term solution to the problem in the relevant rivers, can be determined by mathematical models only. A physical (laboratory) model study is required to accurately assess long-term river bed levels due to the unstable geological nature of the river bed.

It must be stressed that this effort will not eliminate the problem completely. Due to the nature of the rivers and all factors, excessive rainfalls might still create flooding, but the flow of the rivers will be greatly increased, reducing the risk and duration of the effects of flooding.

Weens die kommer wat bestaan oor vloede wat gereeld voorkom by die Voortrekkerbrug en Keisie-, Kingna- en Cogmanskloofriviere by Montagu, het die Langeberg Munisipaliteit ingegryp om die riviere skoon te maak sodat sediment, brokstukke en klip nie vrye riviervloei verder verhinder nie. Die proses om wetlike toestemming te kry, was lank en ingewikkeld weens die betrokkenheid van verskeie regeringsdepartemente en die voorskrifte van verskeie wette en regulasies, maar toestemming is uiteindelik deur middel van 'n Rivieronderhoudsbestuursplan verkry. Dit beteken skoonmaakwerk kan begin en toekomstige skoonmaakprojekte sal vinniger kan afskop.

Weens die dringendheid van die saak, sal die munisipaliteit oorbruggingsfinansiering verskaf totdat befondsing van ander regeringsdepartemente verkry is. Die skoonmaakprojek is egter net 'n korttermyn-noodplan en sal nie altyd vloede kan voorkom nie. Ingenieurs wat aan 'n opgraderingsplan vir die R62 werk, is van mening dat 'n langtermynoplossing die herkonstruksie van die pad- en brugstelsel is.

Dit kan egter eers gebeur nadat wetenskaplike toetsing gedoen is om toekomstige rivier-aksie te bepaal. Die munisipaliteit hoop dat die toestemming om die rivier skoon te maak nie net die situasie in Montagu sal oplos nie, maar ook die weg sal baan vir die goedkeuring van soortgelyke rivierbestuurprosesse vir ander riviere in die area.



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Vandalism must be curbed

Facilities in the municipal area of Robertson, Bonnievale and Montagu have been plagued by burglaries and vandalism over the past three months.

This results in free access into facilities, where acts of vandalism and criminal activities are committed.

The cost of repairing these vandalised items put a tremendous strain on the operational budget of the Municipality and results in necessary maintenance not being able to be performed. It also hinders our sporting codes to enjoy their facilities in a neat state.

We call on the surrounding communities to report misconduct and vandalism to the police so that we can protect and safeguard our facilities against criminal elements.

Misconduct can be reported to the local South African Police Service (SAPS) or the Municipal call centre on 0860 88 1111.

Vandalism, in particular, occurs at the swimming pool in Rivier Street, Robertson, the Happy Valley Sports Grounds, the Van Zyl Sports Grounds in Robertson, the Callie De Wet Sports Centre in Robertson and the King Edward Sports Grounds in Montagu.

The vibrecrete wall at the swimming pool in Rivier Street is constantly vandalised through the removal and breaking of slabs.

Entry is then gained into the pool premises where different forms of debris such as old gutters, glass objects and litter is strewn into the pool.

These acts of vandalism make it difficult for the staff to maintain the swimming pool at an acceptable standard for the public to enjoy during these hot summer days. Hours are spent to clean the water and to remove these objects from the water.

These hours, and the money, could be spent more productively to beautify the premises, on necessary repair work and to tend to the quality of the water.

The community is requested to report these acts of vandalism at the pool as it negatively affects those people that would like to enjoy the facility on a regular basis.

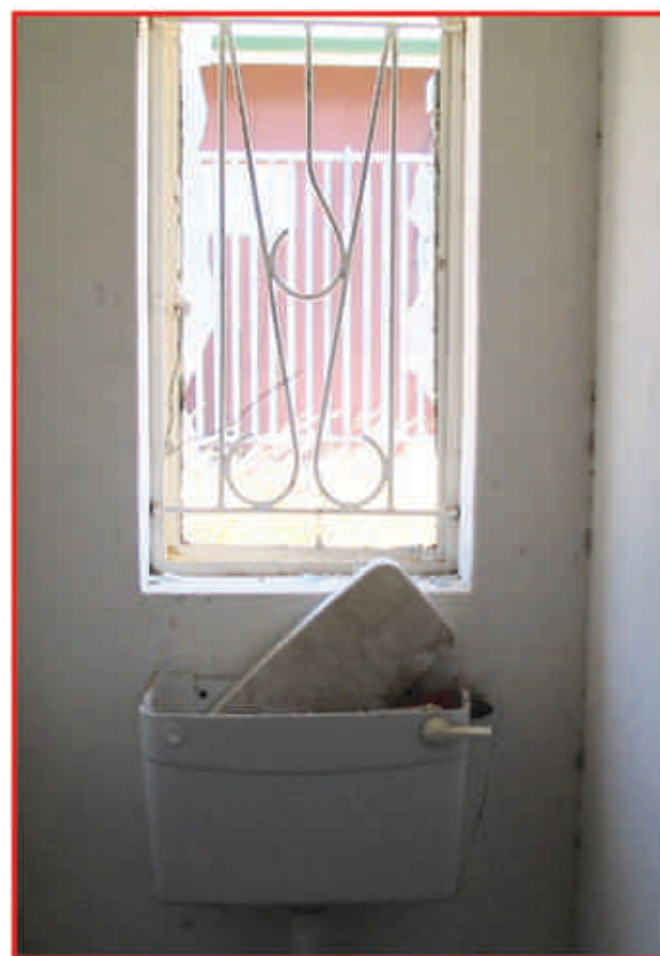
The Van Zyl Sports Ground is another facility that is constantly vandalised and burgled. Recently, the clubhouse was broken into and the electrical wiring cut and stolen. The vibrecrete slabs are also removed and broken on a regular basis.

The King Edward Sports Ground in Montagu is also continually plagued by vandalism. This facility is in a bad state due to these continual acts of vandalism. We need a partnership between communities and the Municipality to ensure that we keep our facilities in good state for our sporting community to enjoy.

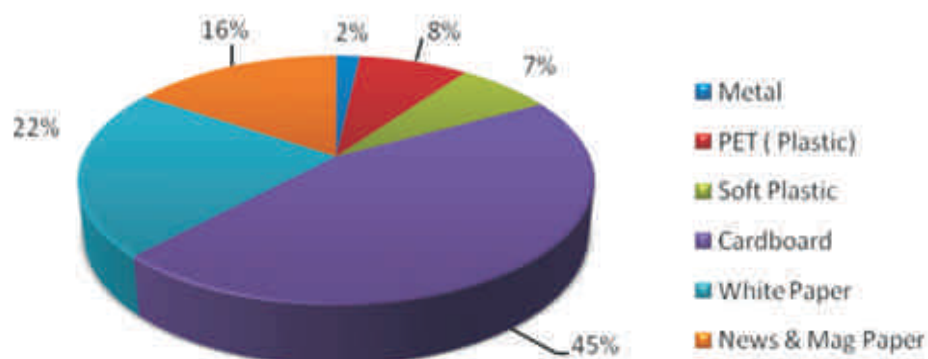
It is the duty of all residents within our municipal boundaries to report acts of vandalism to strengthen the arm of the police and the Municipality to curb these acts.

The Netball Clubhouse at the Happy Valley Sports Grounds was constantly vandalised, whereby geyser pipes and windows were broken and stolen, burglar gates were damaged and electrical wires cut.

We call on the community to report these illegal activities so the Municipal facilities can be well maintained to be enjoyed by the entire community.



Recycled Material Nov 2011 - Jan 2012



	Metal	PET (Plastic)	Soft Plastic	Cardboard	White paper	News & Mag	Glass
Tons Recycled	1.2	5.56	4.8	30.36	14.94	10.59	1.12

Statistiek vir herwinning

Graag wil ons net weer u aandag daarop vestig dat, vir elke ton papier (karton ingesluit) wat hewin word, 17 bome gespaar word.

Daar word ook 3 m³ spasie per ton by die stortingsterrein gespaar.

Hierdie is slegs een voorbeeld van hoe elke inwoner se bydrae 'n verskil maak.

Storting van afval:

• Elektroniese afval

Elektroniese afval kan na die plaaslike oorlaastasie geneem word, waarna dit deur die munisipaliteit na Ashton geneem sal word.

Wanneer genoegsame elektroniese afval bymekaargemaak is, word dit na die afvalbestuursfasiliteit by Vissershok geneem vir verdere hantering.

• Chemiese afval

Die munisipaliteit aanvaar nie chemiese afval nie. Chemikalieë word normaalweg terugge- neem deur die vervaardigers om op toepaslike wyse bewerk te word.

• Huisraad (matrasse en gebreke meublement)

Gebreke of ou meublement en huisraad word per definisie van die Afvalwet van 2008 as algemene afval geklassifiseer en word wel op die stortingsterrein toegelaat. Inwoners kan hierdie items na die naaste oorlaastasie bring, waarna dit na die stortingsterrein op Ashton geneem sal word.



Housing to get a boost

THE Langeberg Municipality has appointed ASLA Constructions as implementing agent for the Housing Development Programme. Through this the Municipality hopes to address the housing shortage in the Langeberg area.

The development of housing will be funded from capital subsidies made available by the Western Cape Department of Human Settlements (WCDHS), but funding and development is subject to WCDHS approval of the project applications, which will now be submitted by the implementing agent in conjunction with the Langeberg Municipality.

ASLA will be required to prepare and compile an Integrated Development Programme for the Municipality, to submit to Council for approval prior to implementation. ASLA will also be responsible for submitting project applications and necessary funding applications to various departments on behalf of the Municipality.

ASLA will therefore be responsible for facilitating the entire project, starting with the application process to various departments and approvals; the building of houses and handing over of registered title deeds to relevant beneficiaries as per the housing waiting list of the Municipality. The Municipality will, of course, still have the decision-making power with ASLA only executing the decisions made by the Municipality.

The appointment of ASLA was made by means of a transparent tender process and complied with the Supply Management Policy of the Langeberg Municipality. ASLA was established in 1973 and has since been recognised on numerous occasions for its contribution in the industry, especially in the housing segment.

ASLA has developed in excess of 40 000 units to date and is currently appointed as housing agent by 12 municipalities in the Western Cape and three in the Northern Cape. We trust that, with the appointment of the implementation agent, the housing needs of the Langeberg municipal area will be addressed more effectively and efficiently. ASLA's first order of business for the Municipality includes 18 houses in Zolani (completion), 72 in Cogmanskloof, 16 in Bonnievale and the rectification of all damaged RDP houses in the area.



Die Langeberg Munisipaliteit het ASLA as implementeringsagent vir sy Behuisingsontwikkelings-program aangestel en hoop om só die behuisingsagterstand in die Langeberg aan te spreek.

ASLA sal nou verantwoordelik wees om alle behuisingsprojekte, in samewerking met die munisipaliteit, van begin tot einde deur te voer.

Dit sluit in aansoek vir befondsing vanaf verskillende regeringsdepartemente, die ontwikkeling van die huise en die oordrag van titelaktes na die begunstigdes op die

munisipaliteit se behuisingswaglys.

Die munisipaliteit bly egter die besluitnemer terwyl ASLA projekte in opdrag van die munisipaliteit sal deurvoer.

ASLA is sedert 1973 'n geagte rolspeeler in die konstruksiebedryf en is tans besig om deur 15 munisipaliteite as implementeringsagent aangestel te word.

ASLA se eerste projekte sluit in 18 huise in Zolani (voltooiing), 72 in Cogmanskloof, 16 in Bonnievale en die herstel van alle beskadigde HOP-huise in die area.

Munisipaliteit ondersteun Bonnievale Droom

WAAR daar 'n droom is, is daar 'n weg. Dit is wat die gemeenskapsgebaseerde projek Droom vir Bonnievale vir die hele land gewys het. Droom vir Bonnievale, 'n plaaslike gemeenskapsorganisasie wat sowat ses jaar gelede deur lede van die gemeenskap op die been gebring is, het ten doel het om die dorp te verfraai.

Sedert die begin van hierdie projek, is baie doelwitte vermag en almal gons behoorlik oor die "facelift" wat Bonnievale ondergaan het. Hierdie projek was egter nie net

oppervlakkig nie, maar ook 'n opheffingsprojek om mense in die gemeenskap weer trots te maak op hul omgewing en ook lewensomstandighede vir almal te verbeter.

Op die langtermyn word daar gehoop dat hierdie projek en al die blootstelling wat deur middel van hierdie projek verkry is, 'n invloed van toeriste sal oplewer en wat dan weer werkseleenthede sal meebring. Hierdie positiewe opwaartse spiraal is waarlik tot voordeel van die hele gemeenskap. Ten spyte van sommige bewerings en

misverstande is die Droom van Bonnievale nie 'n munisipale projek nie. Die munisipaliteit het as't waarde geen finansiële bydrae tot hierdie projek gemaak nie.

Daar is bloot by wyse van operasionele wyse met die projek geassisteer.

Die Droom Vir Suid-Afrika-projek sal ook op 2 April by die KKNK geloods word.

* Vir meer inligting, bel Theuns Coetsee by 082 417 8597 of stuur e-pos na theunscotsee@gmail.com.



Duisende bome is geplant as deel van die Bonnievale Droom-projek.



'n Speelpark is opgerig by dié informele nedersetting. Links is hoe dit voor die tyd gelyk het en regs is werkers besig met die belangrike opknappingswerk.



Links bo: Die hoek van Kerk- en Voortrekkerstraat lyk soos 'n nuwe sikspens. Regs bo: Selfs Bonnievale se jongklomp het ingespring om te help skoonmaak.



Welcome, Cape Epic

Photo: Sven Martin



Prologue – Meerendal Wine Estate, Durbanville (27 km with 900 m of climbing)

The ninth edition of the race kicks off with a 27 km prologue. It will be the fourth time in the race's history that a short team time trial opens proceedings at the Meerendal Wine Estate on the Durbanville Wine Route, passing through protected Renosterveld. Far from just a ceremonial stroll, it will be flat out from the start ramp heading through Contermanskloof, Hillcrest and Kliprug, railing the sublime single-track in the Tygerberg Hills.

On the final push on the lung-bursting climb up to the mountaintop finish, riders will be looking to spectators lining the trail for support, with magnificent views of Table Mountain and Table Bay in the background. Teams will open up their throttles for a good seeding at the official start in Robertson on stage one.

Stage 1: Robertson to Robertson (115 km with 2 350 m of climbing)

Stage one is always a rude awakening for participants. Combining the length, climbing, severity of trail surfaces and speed of fresh-legged hares at the front of the field - all will be a shock to the system, even for the best prepared. Three major climbs will loom ahead of the athletes. The first 3km rise will be littered with loose rocks and tilting to 25%, forcing portage, and there will be a risky descent lying in wait.

Hangman's Tree will follow, which may be short, but could take up to half an hour to conquer. Beautiful flowing trails then traverse the mountain ridges, showcasing the breath-taking scenery riders have come to expect from the race. Tortoise Peak will be the third major obstacle and riders will be creeping up this slow, yet rideable 5 km ascent, named after its ancient residents. Riders with bar ends will need to take care on the descent, with grabbing branches on the off-camber dual tracks. For their considerable efforts, riders will then be rewarded with a beautiful section of trails through Nama Karoo, with a few gentle rises before finally turning East, back towards Robertson with a final rocky plunge into the picturesque town.

Stage 2: Robertson to Robertson (119 km and 1 650 m of climbing)

The route will traverse the beautiful rolling dual tracks through the stony Klein Karoo, passing through the charming village of McGregor. It will be a special day out for the riders. For those who manage to avoid tunnel vision, it will be a geologist's paradise, with remarkable sandstone formations.

Some might say this is too much fun for the Absa Cape Epic, but riders will soon be brought back down to earth as the rocks will be sharp with knife-edges shale and deluge of thorns, heavy duty tyres will be essential. Passing through Van Loveren Wine Estate on some severe vineyard hills, a district road will take the race past Ashton as they head towards the mountains for some short, but steep climbs before returning to Robertson.

Stage 3: Robertson to Caledon (147 km and 2 900 m of climbing)

Route planner Dr Evil cites four major climbs on the longest stage in Absa Cape Epic history, with the action starting around the 40 km mark. The first is a 6 km dual track, where riders will fight for traction over large rolling rocks. This will be followed by a 4 km mast climb, with a view over Villiersdorp.

The next lump in the profile will be a smooth and comparatively easy rise to the "Toll House", the highest point of the day, with a fast 5 km descent dropping 500 m into the valley. At the 110 km mark, there will be a humungous climb to scale. A sharp rise will be followed by a tricky descent, undoing all the hard work.

Then starting again, from the bottom, will be a steep rocky trail where riders will be switching to their granny gears.

Riders will then be able to clock up some mileage on the fast downhill district roads before the last 10 km slows them down again, traversing farmlands.

Riders will be welcomed to their new race village in Caledon.

The tour will pass through the Robertson area on March 25 and move on to Caledon on March 28.

The dramatic new route of the ninth edition of the Absa Cape Epic, which takes place from March 25 to April 1, will this year include routes through the picturesque Langeberg area.

The race will be as exciting and challenging as in previous years. Both local and international mountain biking enthusiasts will be taking on the demanding eight day mountain bike adventure of 780 km with 16 300 m of climbing from Durbanville to Lourensford Wine Estate.

The route, which changes significantly each year, will lead 1 200 participating athletes, world champions and dedicated amateurs through vast distances of challenging terrain. With its exhilarating landscapes, the stage locations of Robertson, Caledon and Oak Valley await the most prestigious mountain bike stage race in the world, before riders again finish at the Lourensford Wine Estate, as has been tradition since 2007.

One of the most visited tourist attractions in the southern hemisphere, the Victoria & Alfred (V&A) Waterfront, will again play host to the opening celebrations and registration for this pioneering, tough and breathtaking mountain bike race on March 23 and 24.

For the fourth time in the Absa Cape Epic's history, riders will compete in a prologue. A common feature in grand road cycling tours, the prologue on the Meerendal Wine Estate outside Durbanville, will allow spectators to see teams race against the clock. This showcase will decide which teams will wear the leaders' jerseys at the start of stage one on Monday, March 26, in Robertson.

2012 Absa Cape Epic

Temporary Road Closures / Tydelike Straatsluitings
Sunday, 25 March to Wednesday, 28 March 2012
Sondag, 25 Maart tot Woensdag, 28 Maart 2012

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Article 138 (iv) of Ordinance 20 of 1974 that the Langeberg Municipality is of the intention to temporarily close off the following streets and parts of streets in Robertson and McGregor on these advertised dates and times for the 2012 Absa Cape Epic Mountain Bike Race. All residents are invited to attend the daily activities at the Race Village & Chill Zone on the grounds of Robertson Primary School. Approximately 1 200 cyclists will start in groups from 07h00 daily. Traffic officials will regulate cross streets to let cars through.

Kennis geskied hiermee kragtens die bepaling van Artikel 138(iv) van Ordonansie 20 van 1974 dat die Munisipaliteit Langeberg van voorneme is om die volgende strate en gedeeltes van strate in Robertson en McGregor tydelik te sluit op hierdie geadverteerde datums en tye vir die 2012 Absa Cape Epic Bergfiets Wedren. Alle inwoners word uitgenooi om die daaglikse verrigtinge by die "Race Village & Chill Zone" te Robertson Laerskool te kom geniet. Nagenoeg 1,200 fietsryers spring vanaf 07h00 daaglikse groepsgegewys by die Laerskool weg. Verkeersbeamptes sal dwarsstrate reguleer om inwoners periodiek deur te laat.

Day/Dag	Time/Tyd	Street/Straat	Between streets / Tussen strate
ROBERTSON			
Sunday / Sondag 25-Mar	Closed from 12h00 on Sunday midday to 14h00 on Wednesday afternoon / Gesluit vanaf 12h00 Sondagmiddag tot 14h00 Woensdagmiddag	Dirkie Uys	Truter & Van Zyl
ROBERTSON			
Monday / Maandag 26-Mar	Closed off / Gesluit	Dirkie Uys	Truter & Van Zyl
	06h00 - 08h00	Akker	Jacaranda & Van Zyl
	06h00 - 08h00	Van Zyl	Dirkie Uys & De Jong
	06h00 - 08h00	De Jong	Between Church & Van Oudthoorn Streets. Circle traffic will be diverted via Church Street. Paddy Street traffic will be diverted via Van Oudthoorn Street / Tussen Kerk- & Van Oudthoornstrate. Sirkelverkeer word herlei via Kerkstraat. Paddystraatverkeer word herlei via Van Oudthoornstraat.
ROBERTSON			
Tuesday / Dinsdag 27-Mar	Closed off / Gesluit	Dirkie Uys	Truter & Van Zyl
	06h00 - 08h00	Akker	Jacaranda & Van Zyl
	06h00 - 08h00	Van Zyl	Dirkie Uys & De Jong
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McGREGOR			
Tuesday / Dinsdag 27-Mar	07:00 - 11:00	Voortrekker Street	From the town entrance to Van Reenen Street. All streets intersecting with Voortrekker will also be closed off for a cycle race through the town centre as well as spectator view points and stalls. Vanaf dorpsingang tot by Van Reenenstr. Alle dwarsstrate in Voortrekkerstraat sal ook afgesper word vir 'n fietsriesies in die dorpskern en vir toeskouerstaanplekke en stalletjies.
ROBERTSON			
Wednesday/Woensdag 28-Mar	Closed off until 14:00/ Gesluit tot 14h00	Dirkie Uys	Truter & Van Zyl
	06:00 - 08:00	Akker	Jacaranda & Van Zyl
	06:00 - 08:00	Van Zyl	Dirkie Uys & De Jong
	06:00 - 08:00	De Jong	Between Church & Van Oudthoorn Streets. Circle traffic will be diverted via Church Street. Paddy Street traffic will be diverted via Van Oudthoorn Street / Tussen Kerk- & Van Oudthoornstrate. Sirkelverkeer word herlei via Kerkstraat. Paddystraatverkeer word herlei via Van Oudthoornstraat.
	07:00 - 07:15	Voortrekker	Traffic in Voortrekker Street will be regulated by traffic officials for 15 minutes for the mass departure of 1,200 cyclists on the next leg to Caledon. / Voortrekkerstraat se verkeer sal deur verkeersbeamptes vir 15 minute reguleer word vir die massa wegspring van 1,200 fietsryers op die volgende skof na Caledon.