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MESSAGE FROM THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER ON SERVICE PERFORMANCE

MUNICIPAL MANAGER OF LANGEBERG MUNICIPALITY: MR DP LUBBE

The 2022-2023 Financial year has come to an end and we can proudly look back at the performance the municipality has achieved as promised against the IDP and budget.

The Langeberg Municipality is a Category B (local) municipality and exercises its powers and performs its functions in accordance with the legislative provisions of Section 155 and 156 of the Constitution, Act No 200 of 1993 and Chapter 3 of the Municipal Systems Act, Act No 32 of 2000.

Under Section 152 of the Constitution, Local Government is charged to:

- Provide services to communities in a sustainable manner;
- Promote social and economic development; and
- Promote a safe and healthy environment.

The Local Government Elections of November 2021, not only resulted in a new Council, its sub-structures and new ward committees, but also in changes to the demarcation of boundaries in respect of ward boundaries.

The internal Section 56/57 senior managerial structure also saw changes during the financial year, as the vacant position of Municipal Manager was successfully filled.

The position of Director: Engineering Services became vacant. At close of the financial year on 30 June 2023, the recruitment process for a new incumbent for the vacant Director: Engineering position, was well in progress.

The Langeberg Municipality was once again in the fortunate position to receive a "Clean Audit" outcome for the 2021/2022 financial year.

This was the municipality's 4th consecutive and 11th overall, Clean Audit from the Auditor General SA (AGSA). A clean audit means that it is an unqualified audit opinion with no findings and that all legislative prescripts and regulations, were successfully met.

Alignment of Services to IDP Indicators and Council Priorities

Transparency and accountability can only be achieved where there is a clear link between the strategic objectives agreed with the community in the IDP and:

- The budget;
- Service Delivery Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP);
- Performance agreements of senior management and officials;
- In-year reports (MFMA Sections 71 and 72);
- The Annual Financial Statements;
- Annual performance report.

All these ensure that actual performance is reported against what was planned in the IDP. This is referred to as the golden circle of reporting. Municipalities make use of the SDBIP to integrate the various reports. Responsibilities, planning initiatives, service delivery implementation, performance measurement and risk management are continuously aligned to that of national, provincial and local municipal goals and objectives.

This process is managed through participation in inter-governmental engagements, adherence to intersecting timelines and scheduled reporting to Council, Provincial and National Authorities. The Langeberg Municipality complied with all these provisions during the 2022/23 financial year.

Risk Management

Langeberg Municipality is committed to the optimal management of risks to achieve its vision and to deliver on its strategic objectives. While conducting our day-to-day business operations, we are exposed to a variety of risks. These risks include strategic and operational risks that are material and require comprehensive controls and on-going oversight.

We have adopted an enterprise-wide integrated approach to the management of risks by embedding the risk management process into key business processes such as planning, service delivery implementation, and performance management to identify events affecting our objectives and to manage risks in ways that are consistent with the approved risk appetite. To this effect, an enterprise-wide risk management framework was developed and implemented.

To further implement the enterprise-wide approach, we have taken several steps to reinforce a culture of disciplined risk-taking. Council is responsible for oversight of the risk management process and has delegated its day-to-day implementation to the Municipal Manager. The Fraud and Risk Management Committee received appropriate reporting on the municipality's risk profile and risk management process. Management executed their responsibilities as outlined in the risk management strategy. All other officials remain responsible for incorporating risk management into their day-to-day activities. As the Municipal Manager of Langeberg Municipality, I am responsible for enhancing corporate governance within the municipality and to ensure that appropriate focus is placed on important tasks. The risk management process, to review and update the municipality's risk register, continued during 2022/23 with the objective to ensure the relevant risks impacting on the achievement of strategic objectives are accurately identified, assessed, and appropriately mitigated.

A combined risk register inclusive of all directorates was developed and monitored for 2022-2023. All risks were linked to the strategic outcomes of the IDP.

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Financial Health

Langeberg Municipality prepared a multi-year budget in accordance with the Municipal Budgeting and Reporting Regulations. A provision for the financing of capital expenditure from own funds (CRR) to the total of R59 million, was effected:

- The capital investment funding (own funding) represented 38% of the capital budget.
- Borrowed Funds represented 31% of the capital budget.
- Grants from National government represented 31% of the capital budget.
- Planned borrowing for capital expenditure totaled to R47 800 000.

Service Delivery Improvements

The Langeberg Municipality provided for a total of R156 086 357 to be spent in the 2022-2023 financial year, to upgrade and improve infrastructure within the municipal area. Provision for the following capital expenditure was made in the 2022-2023 budget:

- Water capital assets and infrastructure - R15 380 679
- Waste water assets and infrastructure - R23 190 249
- Cleansing/ Solid waste capital assets - R22 979 275
- Town Planning - R 380 000
- Roads and Stormwater - R47 639 505 (R30 000 000 loan not received in the financial year. Will be received in 2023/24 financial year and spent in the respective year)
- Electrical Engineering - R13 303 528
- Community Services capital assets - R14 377 119
- Information Technology - R 8 010 000
- Local Economic Development - R 2 920 837
- Traffic Service - R 2 357 196
- Law Enforcement - R 1 314 208
- Other capital assets - R 4 233 761

The Langeberg Municipality will be spending a total of R1 184 341 682 in this financial year, to upgrade and improve infrastructure within the municipal area.

The projects, identified in the 2023/24 Budget Plan, starts from July 2023 and marks the start of the Municipality's new financial year. Information on all capital projects can be found in the Langeberg Municipality's 2023/24 Budget, which is available on the [municipality's website](#).

Die Langeberg-munisipaliteit gaan in hierdie boekjaar altesaam R1 184 341 682 bestee om infrastruktuur binne die munisipale gebied op te gradeer en te verbeter.

Die projekte wat in die begrotings-plan vir 2023/24 geïdentifiseer is, begin vanaf Julie 2023 en is die begin van die nuwe boekjaar van die munisipaliteit. Inligting oor alle kapitaalprojekte word in die Langeberg munisipaliteit se begroting vir 2023/24 vervat, wat nou op die [munisipaliteit se webwerf](#) beskikbaar is.

UMasipala waseLangeberg uzakuchitha imali 1 184 341 682 zeerandi kulonyaka-mali umtsha, ephucula esenza nangcono iinkonzo zikamasipala ezingundoqo kulommandla wakamasipala.

Eziprojekhi, nezichongwe kwiSigcwangciso soHlahlo-lwabiwo mali sika2023/24, sizakuqalisa kwinyanga kaJulayi 2023 kwaye sizakubonakalisa ukuqalisa konyaka-mali omtsha kaMasipala. Iinkcukacha eninzi ngeeprojekhi ezihlala ixesha elide iyafumaneka kuHlahlo-lwabiwo mali luka2023/24 lukaMasipala waseLangeberg, nolufumaneka kuzo zonke kunye [nakwiwebhusaythi kaMasipala](#) engu.



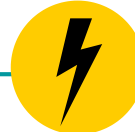
SEWERAGE

R29 529 128



ROADS & STORM WATER

R17 462 592



ELECTRICITY

R16 244 000



FIRE SERVICES

R15 401 707



WATER

R11 287 000



BUDGET OFFICE

R6 400 000



INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY

R6 000 000



COMMUNITY SPORTS-
FIELDS & SWIMMING POOL

R4 900 000



SOLID WASTE

R2 800 000



CLEANSING

R2 500 000



LOCAL ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

R2 500 000



CEMETRIES

R975 000

THE CAPITAL PROJECTS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:
DIE KAPITAAL PROEKE SLUIT DIE VOLGENDE IN:
IIPROJEKTHI ENZINKULU ZIBANDAKANYA OKU KULANDELAYO:

SEWERAGE

- Equipment - R 120 000,00
- Upgrade Robertson Wastewater Treatment Works - R 29 159 128,00
- Construction and Alterations to the Sewer Networks in Hospital Street, Robertson - R 250 000,00

ROADS & STORM WATER

- Rehabilitation of MR219, Bonnievale - R 2 469 983,00
- Nkqubela Diversion Weir Upgrade - R 3 500 000,00
- NDPG : Upgrading of bus route, August Street, Nkqubela - R 8 062 609,00
- Additional Rehabilitation/Upgrading of existing tar roads in all towns - R 3 350 000,00

ELECTRICITY

- Electrification Bonnievale Boekenhoutskloof - R 217 391,00
- Electrification Robertson Heights - R 182 609,00
- Electrification Bonnievale Boekenhoutskloof - R 4 144 000,00
- Upgrade Coedemoed 11Kv Line - R 450 000,00
- Replace 66Kv Transformers at Robertson Main Substation - R 7 200 000,00

FIRE SERVICES

- PPEs (Protective Personal Ensembles) - R 103 795,00
- Equipment - Fire Services - R 374 000,00
- Fire Station Robertson Building - R 14 858 912,00

WATER

- Generators for Water Treatment Works and Pumps - R 8 957 000,00
- Water Pipe Replacement - R 2 000 000,00

BUDGET OFFICE

- ERP System - R 6 000 000,00
- Forklift - R 400 000,00


INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- General ICT Needs - R 1 500 000,00
- Upgrade ICT Infrastructure - R 2 500 000,00
- Machinery and Equipment Generators - R 2 000 000,00

COMMUNITY SPORTSFIELDS & SWIMMING POOL

- Upgrading sport field lighting - Bonnievale - R 600 000,00
- Boundary wall Happy Valley sportsground completion - R 400 000,00
- Sportsfield Boundary Wall: Van Zyl Street, Robertson - R 2 400 000,00
- Happy Valley sportsground soccer field high mast lighting - R 600 000,00

The above graphic only serves as a summary and does not include all the capital projects. Detailed information on all capital projects can be found in the Langeberg Municipality's 2023/24 Budget, which is available on the [municipality's website](#).



**NELSON
MANDELA
DAY**

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SOLIDARITY IN REDUCING CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOOD INSECURITY

Clean • Plant • Feed Sustain

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INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

COMMUNITY SAFETY AUDIT FOR THE LANGEBERG

Langeberg Municipality is in the process of conducting a Community Safety Audit to inform the Langeberg Community Safety Plan.



AIM

The audit aims to determine safety concerns and threats as well as current responses to address safety issues from residents and relevant stakeholders and departments. Specific stakeholder groups and departments will be contacted by a member of the safety plan steering committee for further information and discussion.

ENGAGE

Any resident who would like to engage with the steering committee to provide further documentation or inputs regarding community safety in Langeberg is invited to contact the Secretary, Ms. E. Fortuin, on 023 626 8200 (Office) or efortuin@langeberg.gov.za to schedule a meeting.



All residents are requested to participate in the audit by completing the individual safety survey by selecting the relevant link below:

ENGLISH

AFRIKAANS

ISIXHOSA

We respect your right to privacy and aim to ensure we comply with the legal requirements of the POPI Act, which regulates how we collect, process, store, share and destroy all personal information you provided to us.

PARTICIPATE NOW! CLOSING DATE 31 JULY 2023



IMPROVING ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE

Langeberg Municipality is aware of the current state of our municipal roads and has been actively seeking solutions to address this issue. In addition to our Pothole Repair programme (read the article on page 9), we also came up with long-term solutions.

Within the municipality's 2023-24 capital budget, provisions have been made to rehabilitate and upgrade roads in extremely poor conditions, which will form part of the Road Asset Management Plan.

The allocated funds for road upgrades, repairs, and maintenance projects are aimed at improving the road infrastructure throughout the municipal area, creating a more pleasant and enjoyable driving experience.

FUNDING TOWARDS ROADS IN THE NEW FINANCIAL YEAR

Municipalities road expenditure is funded from a combination of the local government equitable share, municipal own-revenues, EPWP Integrated Grant for municipalities, Municipal Infrastructure Grant, and Public Transport Infrastructure and Systems Grant allocated to road maintenance.

MUNICIPAL CAPITAL BUDGET FOR THE 2023-2024 FINANCIAL YEAR

A tender for the implementation of the Road Asset Management Plan for the Langeberg Municipality is currently in the appeal period before the final award can be made. All tenders received was over the available budget. This will have an impact on what can be completed within the available funding for this project. The project will comprise of the upgrade of existing roads in Robertson, Ashton, Bonnievale and Montagu. It is envisaged that the work will commence in July/August 2023 depending on the weather conditions.

The new capital budget makes provision for R33.35 million that will assist with part of the shortfall towards the operational upgrading of roads.

The 2023-2024 capital budget also makes provision for a second entrance project at Nkqubela, Robertson to the value of R8,06 million. A new entrance on the R317 road between Robertson and Bonnievale will reduce traffic volumes at the existing entrance to Nqkubela. This will greatly improve traffic flow, safety of vehicles and pedestrians.

The upgrade of the MR219 road into Bonnievale is a Provincial Government Project whereby the Municipal budget will contribute a further R2,46 million for the rehabilitation of the section of road between Waterkant Street and the Main Road in Bonnievale.

The following roads are in very poor condition and will form part of the Road Asset Management Plan. The project comprises the maintenance of approximately 14km of surfaced roads as prioritized according to the Pavement Management System (PMS) dated 2019 in Ashton, Bonnievale, Montagu and Robertson.

ASHTON

- Faure - R403 000,00
- George - R992 000,00
- Middel - R1 091 200,00

BONNIEVALE

- Malherbe - R1 311 960,00
- Almeria - R585 900,00
- Landbou - R424 080,00
- Milner - R781 200,00
- Voortrekker - R354 640,00
- Waterkant - R2 238 200,00

MONTAGU

- Denne - R226 200,00
- Van Wyk - R504 600,00
- Visser - R295 800,00
- Aster - R694 400,00
- Bath - R406 410,00
- Du Toit - R1 253 020,00
- Eike - R745 550,00
- Church - R2 886 100,00
- Protea - R644 800,00
- Uitvlucht - R595 200,00
- Van Riebeeck - R1 432 200,00
- Wilhelm Thys - R1 711 200,00

ROBERTSON

- Dirkie Uys Street - R487 200,00
- Adderley - R2 505 600,00
- Paul Kruger - R392 160,00
- Van Zyl - R412 000,00
- Jasmyn - R1 380 430,00
- Johan de Jongh - R2 365 670,00
- Church - R2 236 960,00
- Paddy - R642 320,00
- Additional Rehabilitation/Upgrading of existing tar roads in all towns - R 3 350 000,00

SERVICE REQUEST REPORT

JUNE 2023

NUMBER OF SERVICE REQUESTS
RECEIVED BY THE CALL CENTRE

2062



1081 (PHONE CALL)



832 (WHATSAPP)



103 (IN PERSON)



38 (E-MAIL)



8 (2-WAY RADIO)

**SERVICE REQUESTS/COMPLAINTS
PER TOWN**

ASHTON

470

BONNIEVALE

369

McGREGOR

157

MONTAGU

353

ROBERTSON

636



TOP REQUESTS/ COMPLAINTS

98

Electrical (Eskom – Support Services):
Ward 10, Ashton

55

Electrical (Nuisance Trip/Temper Reset):
Ward 2, Robertson

47

Electrical (Eskom – Support Services):
Ward 9, Ashton

47

Civil (Sewerage Blockages):
Ward 2, Robertson

44

Civil (Sewerage Blockages):
Ward 4, Bonnievale

44

Electrical (Power Failures):
Ward 7, Montagu

40

Electrical (Power Failures):
Ward 9, Ashton

37

Electrical (Power Failures):
Ward 2, Robertson

36

Electrical (Power Failures):
Ward 4, Bonnievale

35

Civil (Septic Tanks):
Ward 8, Bonnievale

HOW TO REPORT A COMPLAINT?

- Call: 0860 88 1111 / 023 615 2219
- WhatsApp: 065 211 7822
- E-mail: complaints@langeberg.gov.za

HOE MOET EK 'N KLAGTE AANMELD?

- Skakel: 0860 88 1111 / 023 615 2219
- WhatsApp: 065 211 7822
- E-pos: complaints@langeberg.gov.za

INDLELA YOKUXELA ISIKHALAZO?

- Tsalela: 0860 88 1111 / 023 615 2219
- WhatsApp: 065 211 7822
- I-imeyile: complaints@langeberg.gov.za



POTHOLE REPAIR PROGRAMME IN LANGEBERG MUNICIPALITY

Langeberg Municipality is aware of the condition of the roads within our municipal area and has been working on solutions to attend to the matter. One of the short-term solutions is to repair the potholes and clean stormwater channels in the towns according to a Pothole Repair Programme.

Due to the huge backlog in funding for the resurfacing and rehabilitation of our roads, there is an increase of potholes, especially during the rainy season. The much-needed rain not only makes it difficult to fix roads, but the wet conditions also contribute to further deterioration of the road surface.

During this time of the year, we temporarily repair potholes by filling them with a stabilised mixture, to ensure road surface remains in a drivable state as much as possible. The more permanent fixing of potholes will be done as the weather permits.

Langeberg Municipality urges the community to log complaints of potholes, uneven road surfaces, damaged pavements and road signage to the 24/7 customer call centre.

- Call 0860 88 1111
- WhatsApp 065 211 7822
- E-mail info@langeberg.gov.za

Reported potholes will be added to the Potholes Repair Programme.

Roads with high volume of traffic are prioritised. All potholes reported will receive attention according to the programme.

The following roads have several potholes and will be prioritised during the month of July 2023. The civil works team do their best to stay on schedule, but it is subject to the weather and other urgent matters that require the team's attention such as pipe bursts, stormwater issues and breakdowns among other things.

The Pothole Repair Plan for each month will be uploaded to the municipal website and can be viewed here:

www.langeberg.gov.za/services/road-infrastructure

POTHOLE REPAIR PLAN - JULY 2023

3 -7 JULY 2023

ASHTON

- Station Way
- Loop Street
- Uitspan Street
- Nel Street
- Mkholi Street
- Fanele Street

BONNIEVALE

- New Cross Street
- Wade Street
- Pietersen Street

MONTAGU

- Klaassen Street
- Ismael Street
- Wilhelm Thys Avenue

ROBERTSON

- Church Street
- Constitution Street
- Van Zyl Street
- Adderley Street

10-14 JULY 2023

ASHTON

- Sicwebu Street
- Dudumashe Street
- Mantlana Street
- Madlolo Street
- Mbeka Street
- Thyalisu Street
- Matoti Street

BONNIEVALE

- Kruin Crescent
- Karob Avenue
- Almeria Avenue

McGREGOR

- Long Street
- Smith Street
- Plein Street

MONTAGU

- Mimosa Avenue
- Denne Avenue
- Eike Avenue
- Bloupunt Avenue

ROBERTSON

- Paul Kruger Street
- Barry Street
- Piet Retief Street
- Dirkie Uys Street

17-21 JULY 2023

ASHTON

- Mtebe Street
- Wenzile Street
- Fanele Street
- Maqolo Street
- Spofana Street
- Klaas Street

BONNIEVALE

- Hannepoot Street
- Adendorf Street
- Buite Crescent

McGREGOR

- Van Reenen Street

MONTAGU

- Bath Street
- Joubert Street
- Piet Retief Street
- Church Street
- Hofmeyer Street

NKQUBELA

- Burwana Street

ROBERTSON

- Johan de Jong Avenue
- Paddy Street

24-28 & 31 JULY 2023

ASHTON

- Coronation Avenue
- Amarilla Avenue
- Delphinium Avenue
- Faure Street
- Acacia Street

BONNIEVALE

- Keurboom Street
- Roos Street
- Olien Avenue

McGREGOR

- Bree Street
- Church Street

MONTAGU

- Berg Street
- Buitekant Street
- Market Street
- Du Toit Street

ROBERTSON

- Van Oudtshoorn Street
- Denne Avenue
- Polack Street



KEEP YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD CLEAN

LET'S CAUSE A SHIFT IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND CONTROL
ILLEGAL DUMPING TOGETHER

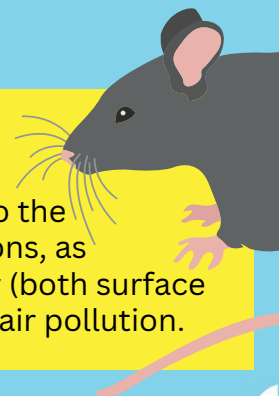


HEALTH

Illegal dumping sites spread bacteria, infections and airborne diseases.

ENVIROMENT

Pollution also contributes to the increase in rodent infestations, as well as infestations of water (both surface and groundwater), soil, and air pollution.



Waste is collected on a weekly basis. Place waste in your wheelie bin on the pavement on the day of your area's waste collection. Place additional waste out with your bin on collection day in a bag or box. Alternatively waste can be transported to your nearest waste disposal facility, available in each town. This will ensure your waste is disposed of in an approved manner.



We ask you to be the change in your community and help protect the health of your community and help us protect you. Report illegal dumping to our call centre at 0860 88 1111, email info@langeberg.gov.za or via Whatsapp 0652117822.

Call our Waste Management department at 023 616 8000 or email gslingers@langeberg.gov.za to inquire about hosting a clean-up day in your community.

NETBALL WORLD CUP 2023 TROPHY IN LANGEBERG

On June 6, 2023, Langeberg Municipality was honoured to be part of the Vitality Netball World Cup 2023 Trophy Tour. The Vitality Netball World Cup 2023 (VNWC2023) Trophy Tour started in Zolani, Ashton, whereafter the trophy travelled to the Van Zyl Street Sports Complex in Robertson.

The day was filled with excitement as both local netball teams and members of the public came to get a glimpse of the trophy. Both young and old struck poses while taking photos with Letsatsi the Meerkat, the official mascot of the VNWC2023. Following the Langeberg stop, the trophy tour continued, making its way to Paarl.

Guests included Ms. Cecilia Molokwane (Netball South Africa President), Ms. Anroux Marais (Western Cape Provincial Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport), Cllr. Dirk Swart (Cape Winelands District Municipality), Ms. Benny Saayman (Former National Netball Coach), Langeberg Municipality's council members, netball teams from schools and clubs in our municipal area, and members of the public.

Langeberg Municipality will also have a viewing centre for residents to come and enjoy the games and share in the spirit of netball. More details about the viewing centre will be announced soon.

The Langeberg Municipality and would like to extend their gratitude to everyone who attended and supported the Vitality Netball World Cup 2023 Trophy Tour.

More photos of the day can be viewed on our [Facebook page](#).



PROJECTS UPDATE



CONSTRUCTION OF NEW MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY

Project Status: MRF top structure nearing completion with floors and mechanical equipment to be installed by August 2023

Contractor: Hiload Inyanga Construction (Pty)Ltd

Value: R19 022 223.06 VAT incl.

Location: Ashton

Commencement Date: 13 January 2023

Estimated Completion Date: 12 September 2023



UPGRADE WASTE WATER TREATMENT WORKS

Project Status: Construction continues on the new inlet works, bio reactor and clarifier. Concrete footings and superstructure underway.

Contractor: Hiload Inyanga Construction (Pty) Ltd.

Value: R100 124 052.65 VAT incl.

Location: Robertson

Commencement Date: 18 January 2023

Estimated Completion Date: 20 October 2025



CONSTRUCTION REPAIRS TO HOFMEYER HALL

Project Status: Practical completion of works have been achieved with some minor snags to be completed

Contractor: Batsini

Value: R 991 989.01 VAT incl.

Location: Montagu

Commencement Date: 02 March 2023

Estimated Completion Date: 05 December 2023



CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FIRE STATION

Project Status: Reinforced concrete foundations to the main building have been completed. Brick work to lintol height is nearing completion.

Contractor: The Construction Company PTY LTD

Value: R17 087 748.31 VAT incl.

Location: Robertson

Commencement Date: 05 April 2023

Estimated Completion Date: December 2023

BEWARE



**DANGERS OF STREET
• PESTICIDES IN THE •
WESTERN CAPE**

The Poisons Information Helpline of the Western Cape has attended to more than 1000 calls regarding poisoning exposures to pesticides.

These pesticides are designed to target and eliminate various pests that can be harmful to human health such as mosquitoes, flies, cockroaches, ants, mice, and rats. Most often, these pesticides are registered for agricultural purposes, not home use and sold illegally to households. These pesticides are often poured into different containers (sachets), unlabelled and used inappropriately.

In South Africa, as in many other developing countries, people live in difficult and crowded areas. These areas are an ideal breeding ground for pests. People seek cheap and effective ways to deal with the problem. The conventional anticoagulant rodenticides require that an animal eat multiple doses of the bait over several days. Street pesticides, on the other hand, are fast working, cheap, easily accessible, effective, and very toxic.

Of the poisoning exposure calls attended during 2022, 49% were accidental and 47% intentional exposure. The rest were due to other causes such as malicious intent. 35% of the calls involved children under 12 years of age. Although most calls were associated with exposures to commercial pesticides, it is difficult to report on exactly what type of pesticides were involved as some are bought on the street as an unknown street pesticide. An example of such is “Halephirimi” (“you will never see the sunset”) that is highly toxic. Fifty-eight cases of severe pesticide poisoning were reported to the Helpline and 8 deaths during 2022, but it is estimated that this number could be much higher.

Ms Carine Marks, Director of the Tygerberg Poisons Information Centre advised the following, “If you suspect that someone has been poisoned by illegal pesticides, it is crucial to seek immediate medical attention and take the person to the nearest hospital as soon as possible.

Fast medical care can make a significant difference. It is also vital that healthcare workers report the incident and inform the relevant authorities. Providing authorities with all the necessary details can help initiate an investigation and prevent further incidents.”

Furthermore, it is equally important for family and friends to gather all relevant information. Collect any available information about the pesticides, such as the brand name, packaging, or any labels on the containers. If the product is unlabelled take it with to the healthcare facility for possible identification.

Ms Marks concluded, “Ensure that your family and friends avoid further exposure to the pesticide or any contaminated areas. Please cooperate with healthcare professionals and follow their instructions carefully. They will be able to provide specific advice based on the symptoms and circumstances of the poisoning. When the healthcare worker is unsure about the identification and management of the poisoned patient, they will contact the Poisons Information Helpline for further guidance.”

About the Poisons Information Helpline of the Western Cape

The Poisons Information Helpline is a 24-hour service for the public and health care workers, provided by the staff of the Poisons Information Centres at Red Cross Children’s Hospital and Tygerberg Hospital. The service provides help with poisonings caused by unidentified toxins and advice on managing poisoning by identified substances. The Western Cape Department of Health and Wellness remains committed to strengthening the prevention, diagnosis, and management of poisoning in both adults and children in the province.

Emergency Contact Numbers

- ALL EMERGENCIES: 112 (cell phone) or 10177 (landline)
- Poisons Information Helpline: 0861 555 777

Source: Western Cape Department of Health



ROBERTSON LIBRARY OFFERS FREE AUDIO BOOK SERVICES TO THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

The Robertson Library, part of the Langeberg Municipality's Library department, is pleased to announce the availability of a mini South African Library for the Blind Service at the library.

The library encourages visually impaired individuals, both young and old, from the Langeberg community to take advantage of this free service. Equipped with specialized software programs, the library's computer caters to the unique needs of visually impaired patrons, offering them the opportunity to engage in business or leisure activities. In addition, the library provides the latest Daisy Reader for loan, enabling users to download up to 30 audio books at a time for listening at home.

"We are happy to introduce this new service at our library. Reading and storytelling should be enjoyed and available to everyone, and through technology, almost everyone can enjoy the power of stories," said Ms Felicia Gumede, Manager: Libraries.

An official re-launch of this service is scheduled to take place on Friday, 4 August 2023. A representative from the South African Library for the Blind will visit Robertson Library to deliver a detailed presentation, demonstration, and training on how the computer software and Daisy Readers can benefit visually impaired library users.

Community members in the Langeberg Municipal area are encouraged to visit the library and take advantage of this wonderful service.

The library's operating hours are as follows:

- Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 08:00 - 17:00
- Tuesday & Thursday: 08:30 - 17:30
- Saturday: 09:00 - 12:00

For more information, please visit or contact the Robertson Library.

- Location: Van Reenen Street, Robertson
- Call: (023) 626 8205
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WATER RESULTS - JUNE 2023



TREATED WATER	REQUIREMENT MEASUREMENT BLUE DROP STANDARDS	ASHTON	BONNIEVALE	MCGREGOR	MONTAGU	ROBERTSON
Inflow ML						
pH (at 25°C)	≥5.00 - ≤9.70	7,1	7,67	7,42	6,75	6,8
Conductivity (at 25°C)	≤170	48,9	105	8,8	30,8	5,3
Turbidity (NTU)	≤1.0 Operational ≤5.0 -Aeshetic	0,56	11,2	0,99	0,21	2,3
Colour (mg/L as Pt)	≤15	-	-	<4	<4	<4
Aluminium (µg/L as Al)	≤300	43	545	316	<40	612
Iron (µg/L as Fe)	≤300 Aesthetic ≤2000 Chronic Health	<20	101	<20	<20	<20
Free Chlorine (mg/L)	>0.0 - ≤5	1,3	0,19	1,2	<5	0,99
E.Coli (cnt/100ml)	Not Detected	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Total Coliform Bacteria	≤10	<1	<1	9	<1	<1

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- MONTAGU - 023 614 8300/ 8304
- ROBERTSON - 023 626 8340/ 8346

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- AMBULANCE - 10177
- EMERGENCY NUMBER (CELLULAR) - 112



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