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COVER PHOTO

This month's cover photo was submitted by Kim from Chalcedony Guest House in McGregor. Chalcedony Guest House lies on the edge of the Krans Nature Reserve and overlooks the small village of McGregor, which is nestled in the winelands area of the Western Cape. Boasting mountain views in every direction, and set within beautiful gardens, the peace, tranquillity, and sense of restoration doesn't take long to set in once you've arrived.

[Click here to visit Chalcedony Guest House's Facebook Page](#)

QUERIES OR SUGGESTIONS?

Do you have any suggestions on how we can improve our communication with you? Or, do you perhaps have queries about any of our articles? Please contact Willy-John Gordon at wgordon@langeberg.gov.za



HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

The holiday season is upon us, offering a chance for many to spend valuable time with loved ones. It has been a challenging year, and it's important to use this period to rejuvenate and set fresh goals for the upcoming year, 2024.

Take time to connect with your neighbours, especially those who may be less fortunate. Simple acts of kindness can make a significant difference. Let's all embrace the spirit of compassion and generosity. Let's also take this opportunity to care for and uplift our community, whether it's volunteering at local shelters, organising donation drives, or participating in community clean-up initiatives.

Keep an eye out for any suspicious activities in your neighbourhood and promptly report them to your Neighbourhood Watch or local authorities. Let's all contribute to making our neighbourhoods a better and safer place for everyone.

If you plan to travel, it's advisable to conduct a thorough vehicle check to ensure its roadworthiness. Stay vigilant, adhere to the traffic regulations, and, while using your car, avoid leaving valuable items visible. Always secure your vehicle by locking it and keeping the windows rolled up. Remember, it's crucial not to drink and drive.

I extend warm wishes for a joyful holiday and a prosperous, blessed New Year to all our residents. Please prioritise your safety and wellbeing.

Ald. SW van Eeden
Executive Mayor

LANGEBERG MUNICIPALITY RECEIVES FIFTH CONSECUTIVE CLEAN AUDIT

The Langeberg Municipality received its fifth consecutive Clean Audit from the Auditor General SA for the 2022-2023 financial year.

A clean audit means that it is an unqualified audit opinion with no findings and that all laws and regulations that were set are met. The audit process includes the audit of the municipality's financial affairs, the municipality's tender processes, performance management systems, and legal compliance in the finest detail.

An unqualified audit report with no findings is a report that indicates that the financial statements are sound and free from material misstatements.

Expressing immense gratitude, Executive Mayor Alderman Schalk van Eeden extended his heartfelt

thanks to our Chief Financial Officer Mr Mava Shude and his team, members of management, administration, and the Councillors of the Langeberg Municipality for their outstanding efforts.

"Your dedication and tireless efforts have not gone unnoticed. This milestone stands as a testament to the exceptional leadership and steadfast commitment to transparent governance and sound financial management within our municipality," said Executive Mayor Ald. Schalk van Eeden, emphasising the collective efforts behind this remarkable success.

"Your hard work and dedication have set a shining example for our community, inspiring us all to strive for excellence."



MESSAGE FROM THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER

MUNICIPAL MANAGER OF LANGEBERG MUNICIPALITY: MR DP LUBBE

Dear valued Readers, the 2023 Festive Season is upon us, a time that we have the privilege to spend with our loved ones, reach out to those in need and less fortunate than us, and also to reflect on what we have achieved and how we have endured the challenges of 2023.

The Langeberg Municipality and its residents experienced one of the most destructive flood disasters in many years, stretching our resources to the limit, with damage to municipal infrastructure totaling to more than R20 million. We also continuously suffered under loadshedding, which on its own being enough, was also linked to a vicious spike in copper cable theft during the loadshedding hours after midnight. Co-operation with SAPS and Private Security, through the Langeberg Municipal Cable Theft Task Team, indicated that 90% of electrical cable theft took place within rural land, pre-dominantly on private farming land, within the Langeberg Municipal area. As previously reported, the Langeberg Municipality made available some R5 million for a pro-active initiative to replace copper cables with visible aluminium cables in 2023/24, which will deter cable theft.

On the positive side, progress with our capital infrastructure projects is progressing well, and a number of projects are completed and others nearing completion. Both the Robertson Fire Station and the Municipal Recycling Facility in Ashton will officially be opened by the Western Cape Provincial Premier on 7 February 2024. If the Construction project of the Nkqubela 2nd Entrance is completed by then, it will be included in the official opening.

Two other programmes also saw their successful commencement during November 2023. The Recycling of Waste "Swop Shop" pilot project was launched at the Dagbreek Primary School in Robertson, where school learners were given the opportunity to bring recyclable refuse to school and trade such items at the mobile "Swop Shop" for a small gift of their choice. *The complete article on this initiative can be found on page 15 of this newsletter.*

The Langeberg Safety Forum was also successfully established on 29 November 2023, as a result of effortless work from all roleplayers and stakeholders from the public and private sectors, within the municipal servicing area of Langeberg. From its commencement in May 2023, it has culminated into an Imbizo event which brought together approximately 110 roleplayers and stakeholders, that are active and involved in the Safety and Security environment. *The full article on the event can be found on page 6 of this newsletter.*

In closing, I want to wish each and every resident of the Langeberg Municipality, all contractors and service providers who assisted the Municipality, all roleplayers and stakeholders who interacted with the Municipality, our councillors, management and staff a safe, prosperous and peaceful festive season. May you return revived, full of energy, and in a positive spirit to face all the opportunities and challenges that 2024 may bring.

An abundantly blessed Christmas and a prosperous 2024!

OFFICE CLOSURE OPERATIONS DURING FESTIVE SEASON

The municipal administrative and traffic offices will be closed from 13:00 on Thursday, 21 December 2023 and will re-open on Wednesday, 3 January 2024.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND BUYING ELECTRICITY

Outside pay-points in all the towns will be open for payments of accounts and buying electricity. The following outside vendors are also available to purchase electricity or pay accounts. (Click here).

WASTE REMOVAL

Normal standby, refuse removal and emergency services will still be rendered during this period.

On the public holidays of 15 and 26 December 2023 refuse collection will continue as normal with waste facilities open from 08:00 – 16:00

No refuse will be removed on 25 December 2023
This collection will be done on 26 December 2023.
No refuse will be removed on 1 January 2024
This collection will be done on 2 January 2024.

SEWAGE REMOVAL

Sewage removal in McGregor will take place on
20,22,27,29 December 2023
No sewage removal services on
25 and 26 December 2023
1 and 2 January 2024.

Requests for the sewage removal between Christmas and New Year must reach us on or before 11:00, Thursday 21 December 2023. Sewage removal at short notice, will be at after hours costs per load plus cost per kilometer.
Sewage removal will be normal from Tuesday, 3 January 2024.

SWIMMING POOL

The municipal swimming pool will operate throughout the holidays but will be closed on
15, 16, 25, 26 December 2023 and
01 January 2024.

IRRIGATION WATER SUPPLY

Robertson will receive no irrigation water during the week of 25-29 December 2023. Irrigation water supply will continue as normal from 1 January 2024.

McGregor will receive normal irrigation water supply from 11-15 December and 18-22 December. With no supply during 25-29 December and 1-5 January. Continue fortnightly from 8 January 2024.

PARKS AND NATURE RESERVES

The Montagu Mountain Reserve (Joubert Park - Badskloof Hiking trail and Bloupunt Hiking Trail) remain closed until further notice due to flood damages.

Utilise alternative hiking trails. contact Anne-Marie at the tourism office at
anne-marie@montagu-ashton.info

PUBLIC TOILETS FACILITIES

Closed on
25 December 2023 and 1 January 2024

GRAVE SALES

The public and funeral undertakers can make payment to
Montagu Absa bank
Langeberg Municipality
Account no: 105 0000008
Ref: graves/surname of deceased,

Produce the proof of payment and burial order to the graveyard workers in order to receive a grave number for burial.

FIRE EMERGENCY

Contact the dedicated fire line at 023 615 8911.

REPORT SERVICE ISSUES AT THE 24/7 CALL CENTRE

- 24/7 Call Centre: 0860 88 11 11
- WhatsApp:
- E-mail: info@langeberg.gov.za



Left to right: Mr. Daniël Lubbe (Municipal Manager), Mr. Johann Wykerd, Ald. Schalk van Eeden (Executive Mayor), Mr. Lee Meissenheimer (CWDM), Cllr. Craig Steyn (Ward 1 Councillor), Mr. Clint Jacobs (Department of Health and Wellness), Mr. Brian Harrison, Mr. Richard Joseph, Mr. Justin Lottring (POCS), Mr. Etienne Joubert, Ms. Grecian Vos (CWDM), Mr. Sinalo Mapoko (POCS), Ms. Rhoda Negus, Mr. Michael Scheepers and Ms. Elaine Harrison.

LANGEBERG SAFETY FORUM INDABA

The Langeberg Municipality held a very successful Safety Forum Indaba on 29 November 2023 in the Town Hall of Robertson.

The Safety Indaba represented a culmination of effortless hard work by a small group of volunteers, who since May 2023, met on a bi-weekly basis to plan and prepare for the establishment of a Langeberg Community Safety Forum.

This Interim Steering Committee, over the months involved members with the following activities:

- Collection of information to compile the Langeberg Safety Situation Analysis.
- Conducting Surveys in the Public to audit the Safety Climate. These surveys were conducted online with the public where residents could electronically complete the surveys. One-on-one interaction also took place where on specific

Fridays in the five towns of Langeberg, at shopping centres, surveys were conducted with people visiting shops. All this information collected had to be compiled, studied, categorized and interpreted to arrive at outcomes to be presented at the Indaba.

- The first draft of the Langeberg Safety Plan as well as the first draft of the Langeberg Safety Charter was compiled.
- All preparatory work towards the establishment of the Langeberg Community Safety Forum was put in place.

The Indaba on the day, focused on the following priorities:

- To present the Langeberg Safety Situational Analysis to all stakeholders and roleplayers;
- To frame an approach towards Community Safety;
- To identify risk and protective factors;

- To agree on Safety Priorities;
- To frame multi-sectoral responses to Safety Priorities;
- To establish the Langeberg Community Safety Forum.

A total of 110 invitees attended the Indaba, representing stakeholders and roleplayers from Public and Private Sector. All invitees represented people and institutions who associated themselves with the urgent priority to make Langeberg Municipality a “safer” place for its residents and visitors by preventing and combatting crime.

Among the attendees were decision makers from different government departments such as Departments of Agriculture, Social Development, Correctional Services, Health, Emergency Medical Services and Provincial Police Oversight and Community Safety. The SAPS District Commissioner, Major-General Groenewald, and all local Station Commanders from our five towns were also in attendance.

Further attendees to be noted were the Cape Winelands District Municipality, all our Community Policing Forums (CPF's), Neighbourhood Watches, Rural Farm Watch and local NGO's. The Langeberg Municipality was represented by the Executive Mayor, Deputy Mayor, the Mayoral Committee, Speaker, Councillors, Senior Management, and officials.

“I wish to acknowledge and thank the Interim Steering Committee for all its hard work to make this day a memorable success, and also each and every attendee for their valued attendance and participation,” said Mr. Daniel Lubbe, Municipal Manager.

The Langeberg Municipality Safety Forum will resume its duties in January 2024.





LANGEBERG MUNICIPAL DAM LEVELS: 8 DECEMBER 2023

APPRECIATE EVERY DROP

Loadshedding severely affect water storage and sewerage works.
Let us always be pro-active in saving water.

ROBERTSON

100%

DASSIESHOEKDAM

100%

KOOSKOKDAM

MONTAGU

66%

BO-DAM

76%

ONDER-DAM

MCGREGOR

86%

VAALDAM

78%

ROOIDAM

90%

DRINKWATERDAM

ASHTON

45%

STOORDAM

ALL TOWNS

76%

54% Last year

BRANDVLEI DAM

**PLEASE REPORT
WATER MISUSE
AND LEAKS AT
0860 88 11 11**

HOW TO SAVE WATER AT HOME

TURN OFF TAPS

While washing, brushing, shaving...

TAKE SHORTER SHOWERS

instead of a bath.
Close the tap,
soap up, then
turn water back
on to rinse.

FIX

Leaking
taps, pipes
and toilets.

SAVE A FLUSH

and install a
water-saving toilet
flush system.



**WASH ONLY FULL
LOADS OF CLOTHES
AND DISHES.**

USE GREY WATER

Re-use water from baths,
showers and washing to:
flush toilet, wash car, wash
floor, water the garden.



FIRE SEASON IS HERE: STAY SAFE, PREVENT AND REPORT FIRES

The Langeberg Municipality urges residents and visitors to the area to be vigilant and cautious when dealing with fires.

Veld fires are more prevalent during the hot, dry summer season and are difficult to control. Also referred to as wildfires, they are bush fires within, or outside of, urban areas that have the potential to spread out of control. Veld fires are mostly started by people, and only a small number is started by natural occurrences such as lightning.

Wildfire conditions are fuelled by dry, hot, often persistent strong winds, parched veld, often inadequately managed private land, and alien vegetation providing high fuel loads. These conditions can turn the smallest spark into a raging fire, which could devastate the unique fauna and flora of the region.

If not managed adequately, buildings, homes, crops and so much more can be laid to ruin. Across the globe, wildfires have moved from wildlands into the urban periphery (wildland urban interface). In their wake have left death, destruction, and disruption. It is therefore important to report any unauthorised fires irrespective where they are taking place as they have a potential into turning normal day into a disaster.

The five main causes of veld fires are:

- Intentional: Arson is a malicious and criminal act of deliberately starting fires.
- Smoking: Smouldering cigarette butts can also cause fires, either discarded by workers working in the fields/bush, pedestrians or passing motorists.
- Cooking fires: Open fires for cooking and discarded hot ash can cause fires, particularly in nature conservation areas, on farms, or near open fields.
- Burning of debris: Permitted and unpermitted burning of debris, if badly managed, or if weather conditions suddenly change, can cause runaway fires.

- Lightning: Lightning can cause wildfires and/or structural fires.

Although wildfires can have devastating effects on people's lives, property, and animals, They are also important for local ecosystems. The heat generated by fires, helps certain fynbos plant seeds to germinate.

To prevent fires, please ensure the following:

- Make sure braai fires and warm coals are extinguished when leaving the area, either with sand or water;
- Make sure there are no illegal electrical connections in your immediate area;
- Do not play with matches;
- Do not burn anything if you have not been issued with a permit to do so;
- Do not throw cigarette butts through your car window;
- Do not leave fires unattended, and
- Keep your property clean and safe – keep your grass cut and perform regular maintenance checks.

To combat fires in our area, your assistance is of vital importance. In the event of a fire outbreak, report it immediately, even if it seems small. In addition, having a better understanding of structural and wildfires will help to be better prepared.

Early fire warnings remain critical to control fires quickly. When a fire breaks out, getting control over it as quickly as possible, is vital. If a fire is contained within the first hour, the possibility of a major incident is minimised.

To report fires, please use our dedicated Fire Line 023 615 8911.

For any other emergencies or service issues contact our 24/7 Call Centre 0860 88 1111



CONSTRUCTION OF NKQUBELA SECOND ENTRANCE

Construction of a new circle on the R317 road at Nkqubela commenced in August 2023 and is expected to be completed by 15 December 2023.

Due to the high traffic volumes at the existing Voortrekker Road intersection it became necessary to provide a second entrance into Nkqubela. The new circle to the value of R8,06 million will provide safer access to and from Nkqubela with better traffic flow.

The construction of overland stormwater channels and the priming and asphalt layer is complete. The island areas have been filled with concrete and paving at the circle are complete.

The outstanding items awaiting completion include kerbing and paving works on upper levels, the concrete of walkways, shaping and trimming behind all kerbs and the electrical installations.

The circle will be illuminated during the evening to aid vehicles commuting around the circle safely.



CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW FIRE STATION

Project Status: Superstructure is 95% completed. The machine bay structural steel has been erected. The entrance and exit roads are 96% complete. Stabilising of machine bay is 100% complete. Contractor is 95% on schedule.

Contractor: The Construction Company PTY LTD

Tender Value: R17 087 748.31 VAT incl.

Location: Church Str, Robertson

Commencement Date: 05 April 2023

Estimated Completion Date: December 2023



Langeberg Cadet Firefighters with Chief: Randall Sophe, Niven Langdown, Nkosinathi Mdluli (Chief Fire Officer), Lee-Ann Standfliet, Taylynne Barkley and Jevan Jansen

To strengthen our disaster management capacity in the Langeberg Municipal area, the Langeberg Municipal Fire Services sent 10 Cadet Firefighters to the Cape Winelands District Municipality Firefighter Training Academy based in Stellenbosch for accredited training.

These Cadet Firefighters underwent a 12 week training program, together with firefighter students from other municipalities. The training took place from the 19th of June 2023 to the 1st of December 2023 and covered Firefighter 1, Hazmat Awareness Training and Hazmat Operations Training.



The training program covered theoretical, practical and physical fitness components.

Cadet Firefighter, Heinrich Snyman, received the award as Best Theoretical Student for 2023. Cadet firefighter, Randall Sophe, received the award for the Best student Hazmat Awareness and Cadet Firefighter, Niven Langdown, received an award for the Best Student Hazmat Operational.

We are also proud that the department produced one female Cadet Firefighter out of ten in this male-dominated career.

This is not an easy training at all, as a fellow student from Stellenbosch Municipality, Jamie Maart stated at the graduation event, "It was tough, tougher than I expected, but standing here today makes it worth it. You should always be resilient."

Langeberg Cadet Firefighters from left to right: Heinrich Snyman, David Eyssen, Ryan Engelbrecht, Curlin Saunders and Jasson Timmie



MAVA SHUDE: EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP IN PUBLIC FINANCE EARNS THE 2023 ABASA PUBLIC SECTOR CFO OF THE YEAR AWARD

In the world of public finance, where fiscal responsibility and strategic financial management play pivotal roles, individuals who excel in their roles stand out as beacons of success. Mava Shude, the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Langeberg Municipality, has recently been honored with the prestigious 2023 ABASA (Association for the Advancement of Black Accountants of Southern Africa) Public Sector CFO of the Year Award. This recognition underscores Shude's exceptional contributions to the financial well-being of Langeberg Municipality and his commitment to excellence in the public sector.

Mava Shude's journey to becoming a distinguished CFO in the public sector has been marked by dedication, resilience, and a solid educational foundation. Armed with a background in finance and accounting, Shude earned his stripes through various roles in the financial sector before assuming the CFO position at Langeberg Municipality.

As the CFO of Langeberg Municipality, Shude has played a pivotal role in steering the financial ship of this local government entity. His leadership has been characterized by a keen understanding of public finance, a commitment to transparency, and an unwavering dedication to fiscal responsibility.

Under Shude's guidance, Langeberg Municipality has seen notable improvements in financial efficiency and accountability. His strategic financial management has not only ensured that the municipality operates within budget constraints but has also paved the way for the successful execution of key projects aimed at improving the quality of life for residents. Langeberg municipality has also received consistent clean audits during Shude's tenure.

The ABASA Public Sector CFO of the Year Award is a testament to Shude's outstanding achievements during his tenure at Langeberg Municipality. Some of the key accomplishments that contributed to this accolade include:

- **Financial Stewardship:** Shude has demonstrated exceptional financial stewardship, ensuring that public funds are utilized efficiently and effectively for the benefit of the community.
- **Innovation and Technology Integration:** Embracing modern financial technologies, Shude has spearheaded initiatives to streamline financial processes, enhance transparency, and reduce the risk of financial mismanagement.
- **Community Engagement:** Recognizing the importance of community involvement, Shude has actively engaged with residents, addressing financial concerns and providing transparency in financial decision-making processes.
- **Strategic Planning:** Shude's strategic financial planning has positioned Langeberg Municipality for sustainable growth and development, even in the face of economic challenges.

Mava Shude's recognition as the 2023 ABASA Public Sector CFO of the Year is a well-deserved accolade that highlights his exceptional leadership and dedication to advancing public finance practices. His achievements at Langeberg Municipality serve as an inspiration for aspiring financial professionals, showcasing the impact that strategic financial management can have on the well-being of communities.

As Shude continues to make a positive impact on public finance, his legacy is sure to resonate far beyond Langeberg Municipality.

SERVICE REQUEST REPORT NOVEMBER 2023

NUMBER OF SERVICE REQUESTS
RECEIVED BY THE CALL CENTRE

2415



1047 (PHONE CALL)



1184 (WHATSAPP)



141 (IN PERSON)



29 (E-MAIL)



13 (2-WAY RADIO)



1 (LETTER)

**SERVICE REQUESTS/COMPLAINTS
PER TOWN**

ASHTON

521

BONNIEVALE

293

McGREGOR

154

ROBERTSON

1040

MONTAGU

326



**AT YOUR CALL
24 HOURS
7 DAYS A WEEK**

TOP REQUESTS/ COMPLAINTS

270

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

137

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

67

Electrical (Power Failures)
Ward 10, Ashton

59

Civil (Septic Tanks)
Ward 5, McGregor

48

Civil (Septic Tanks)
Ward 8, Bonnievale

47

Civil (Sewerage Blockages)
Ward 2, Robertson

45

Electrical (Eskom -Support Services)
Ward 8, Bonnievale

44

Electrical (Power Failures)
Ward 9, Ashton

36

Electrical (Cable Theft)
Ward 9, Ashton

36

Civil (Sewerage Blockages)
Ward 3, Robertson

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



LANGERBERG MUNICIPALITY ROLLS OUT 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM CAMPAIGN

Langeberg Municipality in collaboration with Cape Winelands District Municipality, ACVV Montagu, SAPS Montagu, Department of Correctional Services, Department of Local Government, Montagu Museum and Change Agents SA held the opening event for the 16 Days of Activism (25 November – 10 December) campaign in the Koo Valley, Montagu. Community members from Leeuwhoek, Brookhill and Jakkalsvlei farms attended the event.

The community and presenters were welcomed by Cllr Jacqui Pokwas. Montagu SAPS discussed the different forms of abuse and the new Act and process of an interdict. Cllr Minnie Petersen from the Cape Winelands District Municipality was the Keynote Speaker. Langeberg Municipality is against Gender Based Violence.



NPO COMPLIANCE ROADSHOW

Langeberg Municipality in collaboration with Department of Social Development embarked on a NPO Compliance Roadshow targeted at all Non-Profit Organisations (registered/non-registered NPO's) to comply with the provision of the Act No 71 of 1997.

The Roadshow targeted Non-Governmental Organisations, Community-Based Organisations and Faith Based organisations registered as NPO's to comply with the provisions of the Act.

Section 18 (1) (a) of the NPO Act prescribes that every registered organisation must, in writing provide a narrative report of its activities in the prescribed manner together with its financial statements and the accounting officer's report within 9 months after the end of its financial year. Section 21 (1) of the Act makes provision for the cancelation/de-registration of registered NPOs that fail to comply.

The officials assisted with the following:

- Any NPO enquiries
- Compliance of NPO's in order to avoid de-registration
- Registration enquiries of new NPO's

Sixty-three NPO's across the Langeberg area attended the NPO Compliance Roadshow held in Robertson, Montagu, Ashton and McGregor. Registering of NPO's is free with the Department of Social Development.





SWOP SHOP: CULTIVATING SCHOLARS INTO EFFECTIVE ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGEMAKERS

The Langeberg Municipality in collaboration with Broadlake, MMA Recruitment, volunteers of the Robertson Angels, and Dagbreek Primary school have officially launched a mobile Swop Shop today, 30 November 2023 at Dagbreek Primary school in Robertson.

The event was opened by Executive Mayor Ald Schalk Van Eeden thanking Broadlake and MMA Recruitment for their generous donation, all the volunteers and especially the scholars for their immense contribution that will make this a positive community development project.

This innovative project encourages learners to take initiative to keep our area clean, environmentally healthy and save space on rapidly filling landfill sites, while earning themselves a gift incentive from the shop.

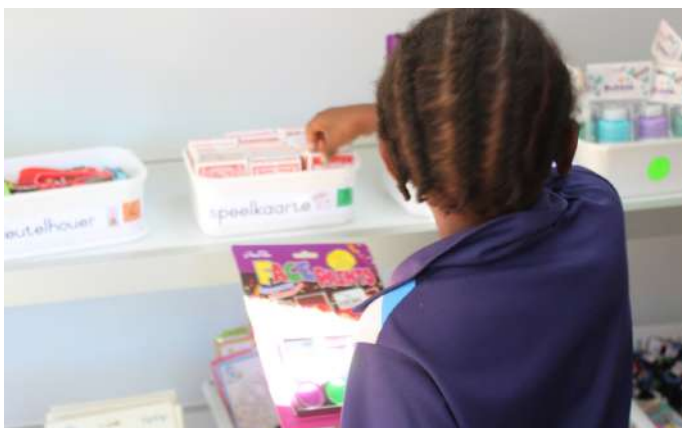
Scholars enthusiastically supported the launch of the project, bringing a mountain of recyclables to school.

The recyclable materials are “paid for” in coupons that can be used to purchase items like stationery, toys and toiletries from the shop. The items in the shop were donated by MMA Recruitment, and donations from the community are always welcome. As this is a trial period the intend is to identify and address all the issues as the project progresses.

Swop Shop collections will take place weekly, with the first trial phase roll-out at Dagbreek Primary School, where scholars can bring recyclable waste to school every Thursday during the school term.

Because the swop shop is a mobile unit run by volunteers, it may be moved around the Langeberg area. The goal is to expand the project to more schools in high-littering areas on a dedicated day of the week.

On these days, recyclable materials are collected by the Langeberg Municipal Waste Department and transported to the new Materials Recovery Facility in Ashton, which will be officially opened in February 2024, to sort the materials by glass, paper, cardboard, plastic and tin for proper disposal or repurposed into new items.





We ask the local community to take ownership of the project and get involved by volunteering time to run the shop or donating stock goods.

"Municipalities are faced with a large challenge of diverting waste from landfill sites." The Swop Shop is one of many collection methods being used to encourage the separation of recyclables at the point of generation (separation at source). Mr Slingers, Manager: Solid Waste Management, adds, "We hope to eventually expand this initiative to more schools in the Langeberg Municipal area."

South Africans throw out well over a million tons of recyclable plastic as part of their general waste each year, with the Western Cape now facing a potential crisis with many landfills rapidly filling. Landfills in some regions may approach capacity in less than a year. The good news is that a significant portion, up to 40% of your household waste can be recycled and reused.

The Langeberg community is encouraged to use the two-bag system to keep clean recyclables separate in a clear bag provided free of charge by the municipality. In this way, you can help save our environment, beautify our towns, and inspire communal pride in your neighbourhood.

WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED

Remove food and liquid waste before you place items in the clear recycling bag that are provided free of charge by the Municipality. Once your clear bag is full, place it on your pavement on refuse collection days. Do not place your recycle bag inside the wheelie bin.



PAPER

Newspapers, magazines, books, cardboard, white office paper and mixed paper



PLASTIC

Cooldrink, water and milk bottles, clean plastic shopping bags, plastic margarine, ice cream, food and cleaning agents containers, clean wrapping and packing plastic used to wrap magazines, six-packs of beer or packs of toilet paper.



METAL

Anything made out of Aluminium (food tins, lids of glass containers, cooldrink cans, foil, staples, paperclips, etc.), Steel and Copper



GLASS

All tinted and transparent glass like wine bottles, food jars

THESE ITEMS ARE NOT SUITABLE FOR RECYCLING:

- Any wet, smelly soiled material. Left-over food, Peels etc. can be kept and taken to pig farmers or used as compost.
- Laminated, chemically treated paper (old faxes and heat sensitive items)
- Used paper towels and serviettes, wax paper, ply- or plastic-coated glossy paper, milk/juice cartons that are lined with foil or plastic
- Rubber bands, - Metal paper fasteners,
- Tinfoil and cling wrap plastic, - Polystyrene,
- Nylon, - Cellophane, - Safety glass,
- Laminated glass, - Light bulbs and neon tubes,
- Crockery, pottery, plates, cups etc.

Should you like to know more about the Langeberg Municipality Swop Shop or other projects, please contact Glenn Slingers: 023 616 8000 or gslingers@langeberg.gov.za

STAY SAFE ON THE ROAD THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Source: Western Cape Government

With the festive season upon us we can once again expect high traffic volumes on our roads, as many of us will be heading to holiday spots, or visiting family and friends all over the country. The good news is that each of us can contribute to our own safety and make a difference on our roads.

To help make your journey as safe as possible, some handy tips follow below:

Drinking and Driving

When driving, the only safe and responsible choice to make is to avoid alcohol completely. Even small amounts of alcohol can affect your ability to drive. When driving after consuming alcohol, you are less able to judge distances, speed and less likely to observe traffic signs or other road users.

You may also have a tendency to be overconfident and put yourself and other road users at risk. Even if you have had only a little to drink, don't drive yourself home, rather:

- Take a taxi home, or use public transport;
- Let someone, who hasn't been drinking, drive you home, or
- Stay where you are and drive home the next day.

Speeding

Speeding is regarded a factor in nearly one-third of all fatal crashes. The faster you are driving, the harder you will hit an obstacle - most likely a pedestrian or another vehicle. The effectiveness of safety devices such as airbags and safety belts are also severely compromised at high speeds. It is therefore very important that drivers adhere to speed limits at all times.

General speed limits are as follows:

- 60 km/h on a public road within an urban area
- 100 km/h on a public road outside an urban area which is not a freeway; and
- 120 km/h on every freeway.

Road traffic signs, however, can set speed limits lower or higher than general speed limits.

Roadworthiness

Ensure that your vehicle is roadworthy before you start a long journey. Check the following features of your vehicle:

- **Seatbelts:** Make sure it is not damaged and that it can be extended, fastened and unclasp easily.
- **Tyres:** The tread depth must be at least 1 mm deep across the whole tyre. Tyre pressure and alignment should be checked before any long trip.
- **Shock absorbers:** Your vehicle's shock absorbers must be in good condition, to ensure safe handling and braking.
- **Electrical systems:** Check that your vehicle's indicators, wipers, lights, hooter and battery are in good working condition.
- **Brakes:** Check brake fluid levels and make sure that front and rear brakes are in good working order.

More road safety tips:

- Be extra mindful of pedestrians and slow down wherever you notice people walking. Half of the Western Cape's road traffic fatalities are pedestrians.
- Do not use your cellphone while driving.
- Do not drive when you are tired. Have planned stops every two hours to stretch your legs outside your vehicle.
- Ensure that you and your passengers buckle up, including children. Children under the age of three years must be strapped into an age-appropriate safety harness.

To report any traffic related incident, please contact Langeberg's 24/7 Call Centre

- Call: 0860 88 1111
- WhatsApp: 063
- E-mail: complaints@langeberg.gov.za



POTHOLE REPAIR PROGRAMME DECEMBER 2023

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 programme.

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

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.

POTHOLE REPAIR PLAN - DECEMBER 2023

ASHTON	BONNIEVALE	McGREGOR	MONTAGU	ROBERTSON
1-8 DECEMBER 2023				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roodeval• Barry• Uitspan• Burkea• Begonia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kruinsingel• Bester• Reitz	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Buitekant• Kantoor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Barry• Anderson• Du Preez• Willem Thys	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Barry• Paddy• Erika
11-15 DECEMBER 2023				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maqolo• Spofana• Faleni• Mantlana• Zwedala	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Waterkant Street• Angora• Myrtle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Van Niekerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dahlia• Bad• Protea	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wesley• Heuwel• Jasmyn
18 - 21 DECEMBER 2023				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dudumashe• Building• Mketsu• Notwalana	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wade	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hartzenberg• Loop	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Magnolia• Eyssen• Goeddam• Cross• Hospitaal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hospitaal• Van Zyl• Dahlia

**VIEW PROGRESS ON ALL IDENTIFIED
AND BUDGETED PROJECTS HERE**

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KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE SHOULD BE MAIN PRIORITY DURING THE HOLIDAYS



Schools are closing today and the holiday season has begun for many families. While this is a joyful period, there are many risks to be aware of, especially for parents and caregivers.

"We call on all parents and caregivers to always keep an eye on your children when out in public spaces. Be especially vigilant when you are at the beach or in a shopping mall. Unfortunately, every year, we see children being forgotten at a beach after a day out, resulting in distress and trauma for them. This is unacceptable as it is the responsibility of parents and caregivers to ensure minors in their groups are always under a watchful eye while at the beach or around a body of water, so you can leave together safely," says Provincial Minister of Social Development, Sharna Fernandez.

"The Western Cape Department of Social Development's (DSD) social workers – in partnership with municipalities like the City of Cape Town – provide support and ensure that these children are safely placed until they can be reunited with their families."

This is especially true on holidays like 26 December and New Year's Eve where the public often enjoy the day on our beaches. Between 31 December 2022 and 02 January 2023, at least 240 children were separated from their families in high-volume areas like Monwabisi, Mnandi, Camps Bay, Strandfontein, Muizenberg and Strand beaches.

DSD social workers and City of Cape Town staff were able to reunite most of the young ones with their families on the same day, but children who were not collected timeously had to be placed in places of safety. As per legislation, the parents/guardians had to follow legal processes to be reunified with their children.

If caregivers get separated from children for whatever reason in a public space, please approach a law enforcement officer or South African Police Services (SAPS) member immediately for assistance.

"DSD staff and partner NGOs will still be hard at work while many people are enjoying the festivities. Violence, abuse, and neglect unfortunately, do not take a break over the holidays. That is why I am so thankful to the dedicated social service professionals who will be on duty to ensure the dignity, wellbeing, and protection of the vulnerable. As ordinary citizens, we can also do our part and report any wrongdoing we may see. If you wish to help a child in need and have the resources to do so, you could become an emergency or safety parent," adds Western Cape Minister Fernandez.

A safety parent is a fit and proper person, over the age of 18 years, who takes temporary care of no more than six children, except where the children are siblings.

If you have a passion to help children and are interested in partnering with the Department of Social Development by opening your home to care and safeguard vulnerable children, you can volunteer to become a safety parent.

More information can be found here:

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

NGOs also do their own recruitment for safety parents:

- BADISA head office: 021 957 7130
- ACVV head office: 021 461 7437
- Child Welfare SA: 087 822 1516
- Cape Town Child Welfare: 021 461 7437

Other helpful contact numbers:

- Childline: 116
- Stop Gender-Based Violence helpline: 0800 150 150
- SAPS: 08600 10111
- Report any abuse of children, women, the elderly, or any other vulnerable person to the Department of Social Development's toll-free number: 0800 220 250.
- Department of Social Development Email: SD.CustomerCare@westerncape.gov.za or visit your nearest DSD office, or the department's website.

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT'S WEBSITE](#)

WHERE TO BUY PREPAID ELECTRICITY, PAY MUNICIPAL ACCOUNT WHEN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICES ARE CLOSED

The municipal offices and cashier pay points will be closed during the holiday season from 21 December until 3 January 2024. Residents can however still buy electricity, pay their municipal accounts, and reconnect/disconnect their electricity using the methods mentioned below.

Outside Vendors

Prepaid electricity can be purchased at the following vending outlets in the Langeberg Municipality. Consumers are requested to report vendors at the municipality, which imposes a prerequisite for their products to be purchased before consumers can buy electricity. See the list of prepaid vendors here: <https://www.langeberg.gov.za/documents/translated-articles/5479-langeberg-municipality-vendors-list-updated-01-december-2023/file.html>

Online

You can make use of EFT for payments or use EasyPay to pay your municipal account. Most online banking

and banking apps also make provision for the payment of municipal accounts and buying of electricity.

Municipal Account Details for an EFT payment:

- ABSA Bank
- Account Number: 1050000008
- Branch Code: 334513
- Please use Municipal Account Number as reference

In-Store

Purchase of electricity and account payments can be made at the following stores: Usave, Pick N Pay, Shoprite, Checkers, Spar, Pep Stores, Absa Bank, Standard Bank.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE ELECTRICITY TARIFFS FOR THE 2023-2024 FINANCIAL YEAR](#)

DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT OPEN FOR COMMENTS



Notice is hereby given in terms of section 21(a) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act no. 32 of 2000), read with section 127(5) (a) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act No. 56 of 2003).

Members of the public and communities within the Langeberg Municipality, Government Institutions, the private sector, and organs of the civil society, are hereby invited to comment on the Draft Annual Report for the 2022-2023 financial year.

The report can be accessed on the municipal website.

[CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT](#)

Or visit your nearest library to view the electronic document.

The closing date for the submission of comments and representations is 02 FEBRUARY 2024.

- Written comments must be clearly marked "ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023" and must be addressed to: The Municipal Manager, Private Bag X2, Ashton, 6715
- or emailed to info@langeberg.gov.za and aswartz@langeberg.gov.za
- or hand-delivered to any of our municipal offices.

ALTERNATIVE NUMBERS WHEN MUNICIPAL LANDLINES ARE DOWN

Langeberg Municipality is still experiencing technical problems with Telkom landlines being down at our municipal buildings in Bonnievale, Montagu and McGregor.

As an interim measure the offices can be reached on the following mobile numbers:

- **McGregor Municipal Office:** 072 039 1945
- **Montagu Municipal Office:** 072 066 1989
- **Bonnievale Municipal Office:** 071 644 8391

Telephone lines to the Ashton and Robertson offices, and the 24/7 Call Center are in operation as normal and can be reached at:

- **Ashton Municipal Office:** 023 615 8000
- **Robertson Municipal Office:** 023 626 8200

Call Centre:

- Call: 0860 88 11 11 / 023 615 2219
- WhatsApp: 065 211 7822
- E-mail: info@langeberg.gov.za

In case of a fire emergency call:

- 023 615 8911 (Dedicated Fire Line)

THUSONG SERVICE CENTRE OPERATIONAL HOURS DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Thusong Service Centre	Closed	Re-open
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child welfare • IEC • Cape Access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 December 2023 – 01 January 2024 	02 January 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Social Development • SASSA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public holidays • Close at 11:00 on 22 and 29 December 2023 	Operational throughout the holiday period
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department Home Affairs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public holidays 	Operational throughout the holiday period
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department Agriculture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 December 2023 – 21 January 2024 	22 January 2024

GEYSER RIPPLE CONTROL AN INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO REDUCE THE LOAD DURING PEAK HOURS

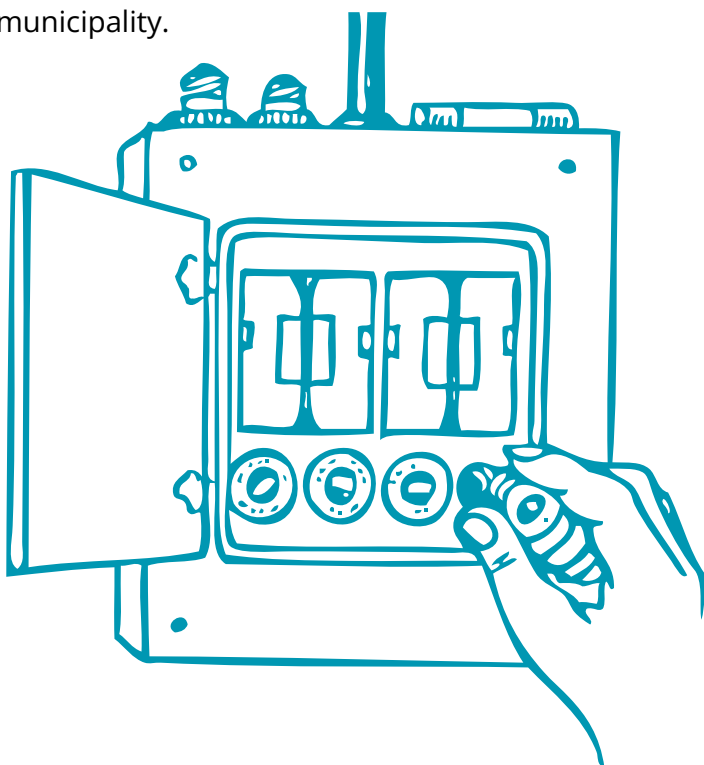
Households within **Robertson** form part of a Residential Load Control project whereby Langeberg Municipality can continuously measure the electricity demand and switch off your geyser during peak time to relieve the load on the national electricity grid.

In terms of national regulations implemented since January 2012, South African municipalities must implement remote control technology that controls electricity to, for example, swimming pools and geysers, as well as heating, cooling and ventilation systems.

Geyser control units have been in operation in Robertson since the early 1990's.

At peak demand times, a computer-based load management system broadcast control signals to the household's unit to interrupt the electricity supply to the geyser / pool pump. This mechanism centrally control a substantial portion of the electrical load and reduce the demand for power when necessary.

By flattening the load curve we avoid stages of load shedding and possible power outages with the least impact on residents and businesses within the municipality.



GEYSER SWITCH-OFF TIMES

If you have one of these ripple control devices installed in your home, your geyser will be controlled to alleviate the pressure on the electricity grid:

On weekdays:

Summer (January – May and September- December):

- Monday – Friday: between 08h00 to 10h00 in the morning, and 18h00 to 20h00 in the evening.
- Saturday's: between 10h00 and 12h00
- Sunday's: no scheduled control

Winter (June, July and August):

- Monday – Friday: between 07h00 to 09h00 in the morning, and 17h00 to 19h00 in the evening.
- Saturday's: between 10h00 and 12h00
- Sunday's: no scheduled control

Customers with geyser control units should carefully note the operating times (and load shedding schedules) and try not switch off the geyser isolator in the distribution board or by installing a timer, as this may affect the operation of the geyser control equipment which may result in having no hot water.

PEAK DEMAND CONTROL

The geyser control system has the functionality to assist the Municipality to manage its Eskom Notified Maximum Demand (NMD). This means that when the load approaches the NMD, the system could switch off the geysers to avoid exceeding the NMD. This could happen at any time outside of the scheduled control. Eskom has strict rules and impose penalties if the NMD is exceeded.

FAIL SAFE

The system has a fail-safe built in to revert to the "on" state if no communication is received from the control system.

The Municipality is investigating the feasibility to possibly expand this system to other towns in the Langeberg Municipal area.

The Langeberg Municipality thanks you for your assistance to reduce load and flatten the curve though this initiative.

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REFUSE BAGS AND WHEELIE BINS MUST BE
PLACED ON PAVEMENTS BEFORE 07:45 ON
SCHEDULED REFUSE COLLECTION DAYS.

VIEW YOUR REFUSE
COLLECTION SCHEDULE



ADD US ON
WHATSAPP
065 211 7822



MESSAGE **ADD ME** TO
VIEW MUNICIPAL
NOTICES, NEWS,
& MORE ON
OUR STATUS



WATER RESULTS - NOVEMBER 2023



TREATED WATER	REQUIREMENT MEASUREMENT BLUE DROP STANDARDS	ASHTON	BONNIEVALE	MCGREGOR	MONTAGU	ROBERTSON
Inflow ML						
pH (at 25°C)	≥5.00 - ≤9.70	7.15	8.39	6.85	7.22	6.36
Conductivity (at 25°C)	≤170	104	139	14.5	101	5.8
Turbidity (NTU)	≤1.0 Operational ≤5.0 -Aeshetic	3.2	2.2	0.61	0.57	3.2
Colour (mg/L as Pt)	≤15	<4	6	<4	14	<4
Aluminium (µg/L as Al)	≤300	249	301	179	46	328
Iron (µg/L as Fe)	≤300 Aesthetic ≤2000 Chronic Health	178	33	<20	<20	37
Free Chlorine (mg/L)	>0.0 - ≤5	0.11	0.31	1.3	1.1	0.42
E.Coli (cnt/100ml)	Not Detected	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Total Coliform Bacteria	≤10	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1

CLICK HERE FOR MORE
WATER RESULTS

LANGEBERG MUNICIPALITY 24/7 CALL CENTRE
0860 88 111



WHATSAPP: 065 211 7822

LANGEBERG'S DEDICATED FIRE LINE:
023 615 8911

LANGEBERG POLICE STATIONS

- ASHTON - 023 615 8120/8121
- BONNIEVALE - 023 616 8060/8062
- MCGREGOR - 023 625 8000/8002
- MONTAGU - 023 614 8300/ 8304
- ROBERTSON - 023 626 8340/ 8346

NATIONAL EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- POLICE - 10111
- AMBULANCE - 10177
- EMERGENCY NUMBER (CELLULAR) - 112



**VELD, CHEMICAL AND
MOUNTAIN FIRES
CAPE WINELANDS DISTRICT
MUNICIPALITY CALL CENTRE:**
021 887 4446



BUREAU OF MISSING PERSONS
021 918 3512 / 3449 / 3452



MOUNTAIN RESCUE
021 948 9900



**POISONS INFORMATION
HELPLINE OF THE W-CAPE**
0861 555 777



**HEALTH FACILITIES IN THE
LANGEBERG MUNICIPAL AREA**

HOSPITALS

- ROBERTSON HOSPITAL - 023 626 8500
- MONTAGU HOSPITAL - 023 614 8100

CLINICS

- BERGSIG, ROBERTSON - 023 626 1035
- NKQUBELA, ROBERTSON - 023 626 6613
- MCGREGOR - 023 625 1932
- MONTAGU CLINIC - 023 614 8200
- COGMANSKLOOF, ASHTON - 023 615 2252
- ZOLANI, ASHTON - 023 615 3288/3323
- HAPPY VALLEY, BONNIEVALE - 023 616 3239

DENTAL CLINIC

ROBERTSON - 023 626 1602

CLINIC TIMES:

**07:30 - 16:00
(MON - FRI)
(CLOSED ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS)**



SNAKE CATCHER
063 556 6338



**GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE
COMMAND CENTRE**
0800 428 428 or *120*7867#