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Minister Ivan Meyer with local dignitaries at the sod-turning ceremony in Nkqubela where a library is to be built within the year.

Welcome, Minister!

DR IVAN MEYER, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport in the Western Cape, visited the Langeberg area on Monday, May 28, paying tribute to the good work of the local Council. Escorted by the Executive Mayor, Alderman Diana Gagiano, the minister made several stops within the area, spending an entire day among the people of the Valley.

Minister Meyer kicked off his day-tour in Montagu, where he visited the library at the municipal offices in Piet Retief Street. He praised the library personnel for "creating public value" by giving more of themselves. He reiterated the importance of a library and referred to it as a place where



Minister Meyer looks on with interest as a pupil at Lammeroes in Bonnievale shows him his handiwork.

people should go to do research, compile a CV or write a business plan. "It's not the size of your office, but the size of your impact that matters. If you close a library, you close knowledge," the minister said. "A library should be a place where people launch their dreams." In a small ceremony in Nkqubela, Minister Meyer handed over a cheque to the value of R5,6 million. R2 million of this money will be used to construct the first phase of a new library to be built in Nkqubela over the course of this year. The rest of the money, R3,6 million, will be used to aid local libraries within the area. "A library plays an important part in eradicating poverty.

"The community must take leadership in building the spirit of Ubuntu and cultural warmth. People should take individual responsibility in building their community," the minister said.



Minister Meyer spends some time chatting to a resident of Huis Uitvlugt, an old-age home in Montagu.

He concluded his visit at Lammeroes, a governmental organisation in Bonnievale. The NGO focuses on the emotional well-being and development of children. The children undergo a formal education process which prepares them to be integrated into the school system again.

Minister Meyer and Alderman Gagiano also visited and paid respect to the family of six-year-old Franklin Prinsloo whose body was found the previous Friday in Bonnievale after being strangled. They also paid a visit to Huis Uitvlugt, an old-age home in Montagu.

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Mr Dan Plato, Western Cape Minister for Community Safety, addressed a meeting at the Robertson Council Chamber on April 26 to discuss an increase in gangsterism in rural areas and how to halt gangsterism. In the picture are (from left) Mr Hennie Arendse of the spiritual division at the Department of Correctional Services in Robertson, Minister Plato, Cllr Eva Turner and Cllr Davin Hull, Speaker of the Langeberg Municipality.

The quality of our drinking water

The Department of Water Affairs (DWA) recommends that municipalities from time to time publish information on the quality of drinking water supplied to consumers.

Water quality is measured against the South African National Standards (SANS) code 0241 for drinking water.

SANS Class I standards can be regarded as the ideal quality for drinking water, while SANS Class II water can still

be regarded as fit for human consumption, but with the proviso that it should be attended to in the long term.

On the accompanying table the average scores attained by its five water schemes during April 2012 can be seen.

Water samples are collected monthly from 20 points (four per town) and sent to accredited laboratories for analysis.

As indicated in the accompanying table, containing the

April averages, 94 % of Langeberg Municipality's water is Class 1.

Only 6 % is Class 2 and 0% falls outside the Class II standard.

The results were calculated as averages of the four treated water measuring points per scheme or town.

The full reports will be published on the municipal website.



DIE departement van waterwese (DWA) beveel aan dat munisipaliteite van tyd tot tyd inligting ten opsigte van die gehalte van drinkwater publiseer. Waterkwaliteit word teenoor die Suid-Afrikaanse Nasionale Standaard (SANS) se kode 0241 vir drinkwater gemeet.

SANS se Klas I-standaarde kan as die ideale drinkwaterkwaliteit beskou word, terwyl SANS Klas II-water steeds geskik vir menslike gebruik is, maar op die langer

Die gehalte van ons drinkwater

termyn aandag moet geniet.

Die resultate van April 2012 se waterkwaliteitsmetings van die munisipaliteit se vyf waterskemas kan in die bygaande tabel gesien word. Watermonsters word maandeliks by 20 punte (vier per dorp/skema) geneem en na geakkrediteerde laboratoriums vir ontleding gestuur.

Die tabel dui die gemiddeldes van die vier behandelde

waterpunte, per dorp of waterskema, aan.

Volledige verslae sal op die munisipale webtuiste geplaas word. Verskillende bakteriologiese, chemiese en fisiese parameters word gemeet.

Daaruit blyk dit dat ons waterkwaliteit van hoogstaande gehalte is, met 94% van die gemiddelde resultate wat aan Klas I-standaarde voldoen, 'n verdere 6% aan Klas II en 0% estetiese parameter wat buite Klas II-standaard val.

Our Blue Drop results

The Blue Drop results refer to the overall management of water and does not concentrate only on the quality thereof.

The Langeberg Municipality still has a lot of room for improvement with regards to participating in the Blue Drop Initiative.

Publishing the results of water testing, such as the accompanying table on a regular basis will contribute to a better score as it is one of the sections evaluated.

The improvement in the results (from the previous year) was due to the compiling of water safety plans for the Langeberg Municipality, as well as better keeping of the five plants.

A much more hands-on approach was implemented and we expect this improvement to be continue in the coming year.

Further actions to improve on the score included in the planning process for the 2012-2013 financial year, is site-specific operations and maintenance manuals, a works audit, an amended safety plan, operators' further education (currently in process), publication of results (such as this table) and an incident management plan. R4,68 million has been budgeted for the upgrading and

Drinking water quality April 2012

Sample Marked:	SANS 241:2006 (Drinking Water)		Treated Water				
	Class I (Recomm. Operational Limit)	Class II (Max. Allow. for Limited Duration)	Robertson	Mthlatheni	Medungethe	IsiManteni	Ashton
pH (at 25°C)	5.0-9.5	4.0-10.0	6.96	6.83	6.93	7.29	7.13
Conductivity (at 25°C) (mS/m)	<150	150-370	13.18	42.45	20.73	55.9	61.25
Turbidity (NTU)	<1	1-5	0.75	0.68	1.15	0.43	1.36
Colour (as Pt)	<20	20-50	<1	<1	<1	3.25	<1
Calcium (as Ca)	<150	150-300	4.48	8.78	3.3	11.53	9.03
Magnesium (as Mg)	<70	70-100	4.13	50.83	4.48	15.68	14.33
Free Chlorine	-	-	0.19	0.76	0.07	0.3	<0.06
Aluminium (as Al)	<300	300-500	200	185	120	205	490
Iron (as Fe)	<200	200-2 000	50	<20	95	47.5	55
E.coli f (count/100 ml)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0