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From the Portfolio holder's desk



Cllr Esther Groenewald
Corporate Services

Dear Reader

When last have you walked into a library, took out a book of your choice and read it?

Yes, I know what you are thinking right now! "Who still visits a library, let alone read physical books!"

The Department of Education confirmed again in early 2024 that too few of our learners can read for meaning.

only provide them with the latest edition of an electronic device.

We must become the inspiring story tellers again, seen to be reading and portraying the enjoyment that it brings. What an exiting family event it can become to spend 10 minutes per week sharing stories that we have read. It opens the imagination of a child to start dreaming about his/her own stories that might one day be written up.

Yes, we can turn the tide around for our children and learners! Let us push ourselves out of our comfort zone and become the reading-genies again.

The change is in your and my hands, feet and mouths.

I look forward to seeing you and your family in the library during library week!

Lekker lees! Fundani kakuhle!

Cllr Groenewald

Do you and I have a role to play in the above?

Yes, dear reader, we can, and we need to become a reading community as an example for our youth and not

RAMADAN MUBARAK

To our Muslim communities,

On behalf of the Cape Winelands District Municipality, we wish you Ramadan Mubarak. May We trust that this sacred month will be a time of spiritual renewal, reflection, and blessings for you and your families.

May the grace and mercy of Allah be with you throughout Ramadan, granting you peace, good health, and the strength to perform acts of kindness.

Ald (Dr) Elna von Schlicht
Executive Mayor

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Calendar Events for March

- 09 March – 08 April - Ramadaan Kareem
- 20 - 26 March - South African Library Week
- 21 March - Human Rights Day
- 21 March - World Down Syndrome Day
- 27 March - International Waffle Day
- 29 March - 01 April - Easter

Blessed Easter

To all Christians,

As we celebrate Easter, I extend warm wishes for a wonderful and blessed time. May the joy of this sacred season fill your hearts, and may peace and happiness surround you and your loved ones.

During this spiritual time, let us remember to be a blessing to our neighbours, spreading love, generosity, and kindness wherever we go. We trust that May your hearts will overflow with compassion and goodwill toward all.

PAs you celebrate Easter, please remember to stay safe and drive carefully in the Cape Winelands or wherever you may spend your Easter weekend. Your safety is important to us.

Happy Easter!
Ald (Dr) Elna von Schlicht, Executive Mayor

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Executive Mayor

World Water Day
22 March 2024

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Top Achievers honoured



Stellenbosch Top Achievers

“Today, we gather here not just to celebrate academic achievements but to applaud the exceptional journey that each one of you has undertaken. As the top performers of your respective schools, you have not only showcased outstanding intelligence but have also demonstrated a unique set of qualities that will undoubtedly shape the future,” said Ald (Dr) Elna von Schlicht, Executive Mayor of the Cape Winelands District Municipality (CWDM) in her opening address to the class of 2023 at the Annual CWDM Top Achievers Awards Ceremony held at Rhenish Girls High School in Stellenbosch on Monday, 05 February 2024.

“Our Top Achievers Awards Ceremony stands as testament to the remarkable accomplishments of the highest achieving matriculants at all high schools in the district. On this night, we celebrate them along with their parents, teachers and principals,” the Mayor concluded.

This year, along with their certificates and gift bags, the class of 2023 was the first recipients of the Mayoral Study Aid Fund. Each recipient received a noteworthy study aid grant of R20 000, which will be transferred directly to their respective institutions or courses. The Mayoral Study Aid Fund aims to provide a beacon of hope, illuminating the path to higher education for exceptional achievers, thereby advancing the educational landscape of the Cape Winelands District.

The top three Grade 12 learners of 2023 in the Cape Winelands District are: 1st place – Melissa Müller from Rhenish Girls High School (also the country and province’s top learner) and tied in 2nd place is Milcah Visser from Paarl Girls High School and Lilly Hobbs, also from Rhenish Girls High School.

Müller encouraged the class of 2024 to find a healthy balance in their final year, **“Buckle down and work hard; it will pay off, but also take in the moments and enjoy your final year.”**

Two Special Mayoral Awards were presented as part of the awards. The Special Educator Recognition went to Mr Clemence Thomas, subject head and lead teacher for natural sciences and technology at Touwsrivier Primary School. **“Mr Thomas, we celebrate and honour you for the exceptional achievements and positive impact on the education community and Touwsrivier as a whole,”** the Mayor said.

Leeroy Chakanyuka, the top achiever from Franschoek High School, received the Special Award for Most Resilient Learner. Leeroy faced challenges with language barriers and adapting after moving between South Africa and Zimbabwe in his formative years. By Grade 4 he had mastered English and excelled academically, driven by his desire for a better future. Despite setbacks, he achieved four subject distinctions and an aggregate of 79% in the NSC examinations – proof of his determination and resilience. This award is most deserving for extraordinary achievement despite challenging circumstances.

The Annual CWDM Top Achievers Awards Ceremony not only highlighted academic prowess, but also resilience and dedication. The Mayoral Study Aid Fund ensures that outstanding students such as Leeroy Chakanyuka can overcome obstacles and pursue higher education. Melissa Müller, Lilly Hobbs and Milcah Visser’s accomplishments inspire future generations, symbolising hope for educational advancement in the Cape Winelands District.



Witzenberg Top Achievers

Top Achievers honoured (Continued)



Langeberg Top Achievers



Drakenstein Top Achievers



Breede Valley Top Achievers

Farewell Chante Andries

Reflecting on your time in Cape Winelands, what's your fondest memory?

Being part of the planning team who successfully hosted two student-intern networking events in 2023.

Regarding your work experience, what aspects did you find most rewarding, and most challenging?

Most rewarding would be my manager Chwayita who trusted me enough to manage projects on my own during my time at the Cape Winelands District Municipality.

The most challenging would have to be trying to let external stakeholders know that within the Cape Winelands District Municipality, there is more minibus-taxi routes and not just B97-Mbekweni-Bellville.

Looking ahead, what are your plans for the future? What endeavours do you intend to pursue?

To complete my honours degree in Civil Engineering with a specialization in Transportation Engineering.

Continue to grow and learn new aspects of the public transport industry to one day be a specialist within the field.

I am saying goodbye to my Cape Winelands family to start a permanent position as a Transport Planning Authority Officer at the City of Cape Town.

As you bid farewell, what message would you like to convey to those who remain at the Cape Winelands District Municipality?

Thank you for the opportunity to work with you all for the past 33 months, being part of this wonderful municipality has truly been a pleasure. I look forward to staying in touch and cherishing all the experiences and memories from our time working together. I wish you all continued success.



With gratitude, I bid farewell to colleagues who made every day a source of inspiration



Beat diarrhea by keeping it clean!
Follow good hygiene habits:
• Wash hands before/after food prep, meals, and after using the toilet.
• Cover cuts with plasters.
Stay healthy, stay germ-free!
#SurgeSeason

Quick fix for upset tummies!
Mix 8 tsp sugar + ½ tsp salt in 1 liter of clean water.
Small sips, big relief!
#SurgeSeason

Tip 1: Clean & Sterile Bottles for Happy Feeding!
Make baby's mealtime a breeze by ensuring infant feeding bottles are clean and sterilised before each feed. A little extra care means a lot for your little one's health!
#SurgeSeason

Ramadan 1445 – March 2024

It is that time of the year again when Muslims around the world prepare for a month filled with sacrifice, spiritual growth, and a rebirth of empathy and compassion towards each other and all of mankind. It is a month of celebration which challenges Muslims of all ages to commit to challenging themselves for the sake of the Almighty Creator (Allah), the One who is Most Gracious, Most Merciful. It is believed that it is during this month that the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) received the Quran as a gift, and therefore, the month is also known as the month of the Quran.

During this month, the nighttime prayer is extended to be filled with the recitation of the Quran. The recitation of the Quran in its entirety is usually completed within the first 27 days during Salaah (prayer) by Huffaz (those who have memorized the Quran). This celebration of the Quran is felt throughout the world and acknowledges the preservation of the holy scripture which has remained untouched and unchanged for over 1400 years. It is the memorization by males and females which will ensure the preservation.

Ramadan further offers Muslims the opportunity to fulfill the fourth pillar of Islam, which is to fast during this holy month. The fast takes place from sunrise to sunset, with no food or drink being consumed during the daytime. This fast, however, is not only about staying away from food and drink, but also refraining from ill speech and unnecessary talking. It is a challenge to draw oneself towards oneself and closer to the Creator, to gain His reward, and to prepare for the hereafter. Therefore, making the month a spiritually enriching experience, because as much time as possible is spent in the mosque and in prayer, and more specifically, reciting the Holy Quran.

Much of the month is also made up of other exciting traditions which include food, which often seems to outweigh the spiritual value of the month when

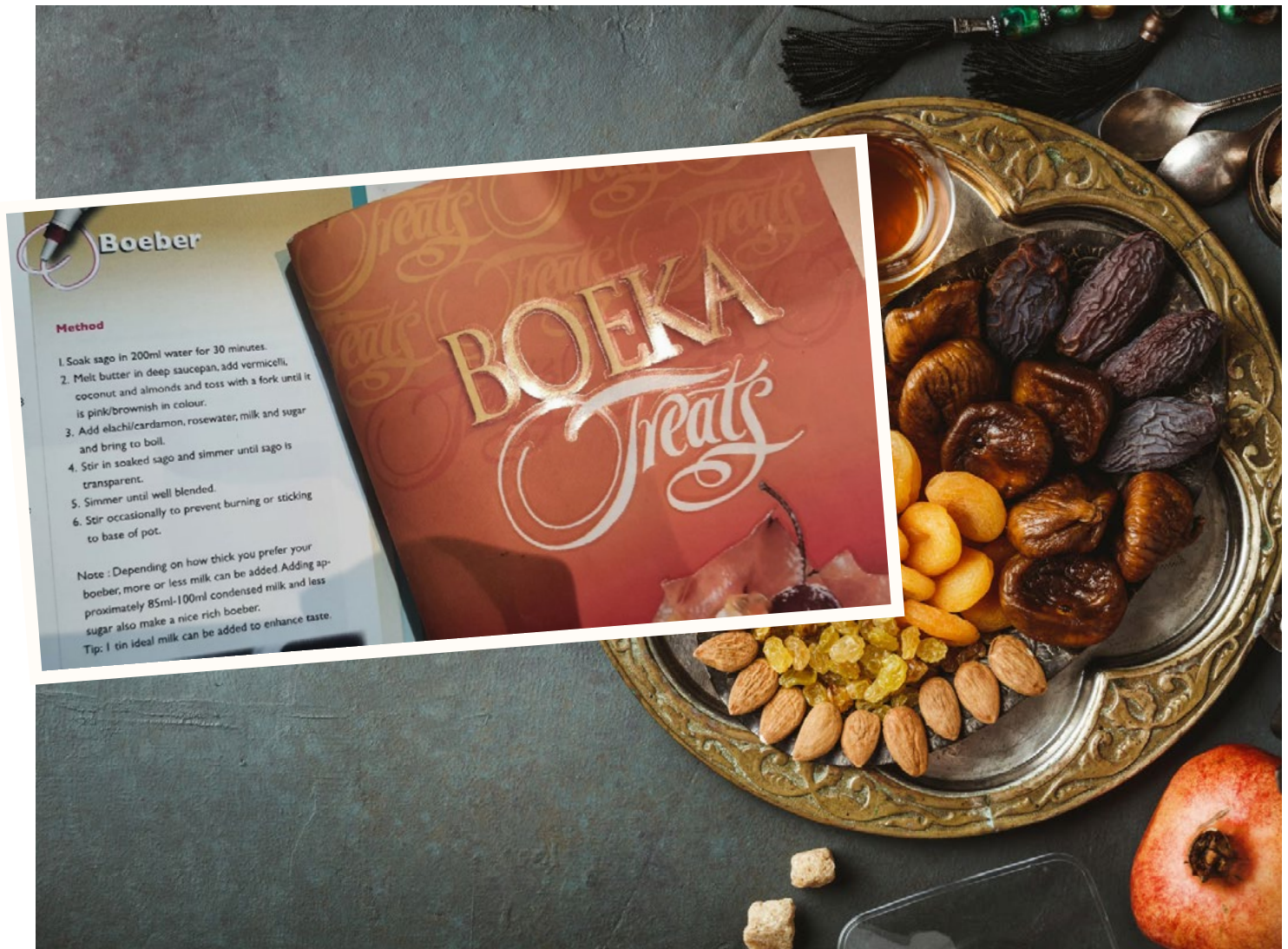
engaging in discussions about this Holy Month. But nonetheless, food is important. As we often become dehydrated, it is important that we eat well and refrain from high content sugar and fatty foods. But of course, this is not always the case as close to sunset, Muslim homes are filled with the aroma of freshly cooked soup, samosas, pancakes, and an array of sweet treats. Let's not forget the boeber (you will find the recipe in this edition of the Imbizo). These treats are usually shared among Muslims, as it is believed that when a fasting person breaks his fast with something from another fasting person, the one who gifted receives the reward of the fasting person as well. This breaking of the fast takes place at sunset (Maghrib) usually with water and dates, traditions that date back to the time of our beloved Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).

As Muslims, we are often asked if we get hungry. The answer is yes, we do get hungry and sometimes fasting is difficult, but one's spiritual commitment to fulfilling the fourth pillar of Islam far outweighs the hunger. Very often, after having a sip of water and a date, the hunger dissipates and the need for food and drink is fulfilled, Alhamdulillah (praise be to Allah).

Furthermore, being hungry offers us the opportunity to identify with the needs of the less fortunate, but with the safety of knowing that your next meal awaits, as kitchens are filled with the beauty of the smell of food and sense of home and safety.

May Ramadan 1445 be filled with spiritual renewal and a sense of giving and respect for the less fortunate. Let us all share in the beauty of this holy month by sparing a thought for those less fortunate. Ramadan Kareem.

Thank you Tanwir Nordien and his wife for supplying us with this article.



World of Radio Day

World Radio Day, celebrated on February 13, 2024, saw the Cape Winelands District Municipality (CWDM) participating in the commemoration event held by the Breede Valley Municipality in Worcester. This designated day encourages individuals to organize events and activities, share their radio experiences, and recognize the profound impact this medium has on our lives.

Originating from a 2011 UNESCO proclamation, World Radio Day serves as a global acknowledgment of radio's invaluable contributions. In attendance at the event were representatives from CWDM, Government Communications Information Systems (GCIS) Western Cape Local Government, and Media24. Prof. Sisanda Nkoala from the University of Western Cape (UWC) delivered the keynote address.

Beyond being a platform for personal expression, radio plays a pivotal role in empowering ordinary individuals to participate in public discourse. This is particularly evident in regions like Southern Africa, where a significant percentage of the population relies on radio for information. As Prof. Sisanda Nkoala noted, radio is a powerful medium that reaches where other media cannot penetrate, especially in the African continent, where between sixty to eighty percent of people access radio compared to other media like digital

media, TV, and print.

CWDM regularly collaborates with the media, investing in our local radio stations. We recognize the value of supporting them to understand the impact they make on the public and the reach they have in our communities.

World Radio Day provides an opportunity to reflect on the medium's significance and strategize ways to ensure its sustainability. This includes addressing funding challenges and the evolving impact of technology. These were focal points of discussions during the event, and collaboration opportunities were explored among local stakeholders to preserve the medium that serves the community.

In the dynamic landscape of radio in South Africa, which includes diverse systems ranging from the Tetra radio system to community broadcasting, the essence remains rooted in the power of voice. Radio is a medium where people intentionally express themselves through conversation, song, and music, sharing their hopes, dreams, and frustrations. World Radio Day is a celebration of how radio, as a collective voice, shapes identities and fosters solutions in our ever-evolving society.



Communications Team celebrate World Radio Day with gifts from SABC.

CWDM represented at SOPA

On Monday, February 19, 2024, Paarl hummed with activity as the Drakenstein Municipality hosted the official opening of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament, followed by the State of the Province Address (SOPA) delivered by Western Cape Premier Alan Winde.

In addition to the esteemed political delegation attending the prestigious event, our Fire Services received an invitation as well, in recognition of their heroic efforts during the recent weeks of persistent wildfires.

Senior Firefighter Calvin Denyssen and Firefighter Anda Tiko represented our team at SOPA.

On Tuesday, February 20, 2024, preceding the SOPA debate, CWDM was honored to receive a cutting-edge drone from Western Cape Minister of Community Safety & Police Oversight, Minister Reagen Allen, and Premier Alan Winde. These "eyes in the sky" will greatly enhance the capabilities of our Disaster Management unit.



Save your daughter's life through the HPV vaccine



**Western Cape
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FOR YOU

The lives of more than 350 000 young girls in the Western Cape have been protected against cancer the past ten years. Parents and healthcare workers worked together so that young girls could be vaccinated against the human papillomavirus (HPV), reducing their risk of getting cervical cancer as adults.

From 6 February until 20 March 2024, school health teams of the Western Cape Department of Health and Wellness will be visiting public and special schools to administer the cancer-prevention HPV vaccine for free. All girls in Grade 5 over the age of nine years old are eligible for the single dose of the vaccine.

Sr Fiona Wiid of Health and Wellness in the Drakenstein Sub-district says she puts a lot of effort into talking to teachers and learners so that they understand why the vaccine is so important. Only girls whose parents or guardians give permission, will receive the free vaccine. "Prevention is better than cure! It is better to receive the vaccine than to receive cancer treatment one day," says Sr Wiid. She has been part of the campaign since it started 10 years ago.

Cervical cancer disproportionately impacts the lives of women in the province. With the HPV vaccine available for eligible girls at no cost, parents and caregivers have the most effective tool to help fight cervical cancer and contribute towards the province's efforts to collectively save many lives.

"The HPV vaccine is an effective primary prevention measure for cervical cancer. The vaccine is most effective when started before sexual debut, which is the reason for the recommendation of its administration in early adolescence," said Dr Nomonde Mbatani, from the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Groote Schuur Hospital.

The Department has a good track record of administering the HPV vaccine over the last decade. Since 2014, nearly 350 000 vaccines have been administered in the Western Cape, reaching nearly 1 200 schools annually.

This vaccine provides a unique opportunity for us to join hands with communities and invest in the health of women and future of girls in the Western Cape. Healthcare workers in the Breede Valley, Drakenstein, Langeberg, Stellenbosch and Witzenberg encourages parents to complete the consent forms and send them back to school so that their daughters can be vaccinated.

The Department's HPV vaccination programme forms part of global efforts by the World Health Organization (WHO) to eliminate cervical cancer as a public health threat by 2030. The first step towards this goal is to have 90% of girls fully vaccinated against HPV by the age of 15. With wide vaccination coverage of girls over the age of nine, it is possible to eliminate HPV in the next few years.



On Valentine's Day girls whose parents consented received the free HPV vaccine at WA Rossouw Primary School in Montagu.



Road to Mrs Bold South Africa 2024!

With grace, boldness and poise, Roxanne Robinson steps into the spotlight as a Mrs. Bold South Africa 2024 finalist.

Celebrating the essence of South African beauty, grace, and resilience, this prestigious event brings together the nation's most inspiring women as they compete for the coveted title of Mrs. Bold South Africa. Crowning will take place on Saturday, 26 October 2024 in Johannesburg.

When asked what her reasons were for entering, Roxanne explained, "I entered Mrs Bold South 2024 to make a difference not only in my community but also in the lives of people who really need it. Doing community or charity work does not define who you are, it's the footsteps that you leave behind. I have the platform to raise awareness about critical issues and inspire others to act. With your support, I can amplify my message and reach a wider audience, creating a ripple effect of positive change.

Thank you in advance for everyone's votes. Voting lines are open until 30 July 2024. Keep those votes coming."

Let's support our colleague by sending **BOLD 400** to **47439** to vote.

Free SMS don't apply, each **SMS cost R3**.



Karina Smit (Director: Support Services) congratulates Roxanne on placing as a finalist for the Mrs Bold South Africa 2024 competition

MPAC Projects visit

The MPAC joined Christo Swart, CWDM's DD: Project Management for an oversight visit to various projects completed in the last seven months.

They visited Cook Funeral Services, a beneficiary of the Seed Funding programme. Mr Cook used his funding of R17 000 to buy equipment that will enhance the service he offers. The group also visited the erf where the new Regional Landfill site, which will be situated in Worcester, will be built. Two other important visits were to some of the solar geyser installations that the CWDM subsidises to enable hot water at agri-worker's homes and the Nonna Club House. The latter two projects are of great value to our agri-workers as they have a positive impact on their quality of life, the club house also offers an opportunity for sport, which in turn nurtures healthy lifestyles and activities.



Nonna club house

South African Library Week

South African Library Week runs from 20 - 26 March. This week presents an excellent opportunity for us to acknowledge the vital role that libraries play in our communities.

Libraries serve as hubs of knowledge, offering a plethora of resources and services to our citizens, often at no cost for residents in the municipal area. Here are some of the valuable services provided by our libraries:

- 📖 Free lending of various materials such as books, DVDs, magazines, CDs, and audio books.
- 📖 Access to computers with internet connection, although please note that individual libraries may have specific restrictions in place.
- 📖 Photocopying and scanning facilities.
- 📖 Assistance with information for school projects.
- 📖 Engaging story hours for children.
- 📖 Outreach programs tailored for old age homes, prisons, and schools (services may vary by area).
- 📖 Entertaining and educational projects for children during school holidays.
- 📖 Support for learners, offering a quiet space away from home for studying and reading.
- 📖 Certification of documents.
- 📖 Online registration for various disciplines/departments.
- 📖 Access to LIBBY e-resources.
- 📖 Convenient online requests for curbside services.
- 📖 Opportunities to join various clubs such as book clubs, chess clubs, and afterschool programs.

📖 ICT training sessions open to the public.

Please note that the services available may vary at each library location. We encourage you to reach out to your local library to discover the specific services they offer.

Let's take this opportunity to celebrate our libraries and the invaluable resources and support they provide to our communities.



South African Library Week
20 - 26 March 2024



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Follow through to achieve financial success!

We hope our January Newsletter inspired you to set your financial goals for 2024 and beyond. Financial goal setting is key to get you started as it provides you with a plan to work towards financial success. In order to achieve financial success, following through is a vital practice, and the first step is to take action to align your budget to your goals, tracking your spending, staying disciplined, and automating your money actions.

Here are some steps to help you follow through this February by aligning your goals to your budget effectively:

Assess your current financial situation – Take a close look at your income, expenses, and overall financial situation. Understand your cash flow, financial obligations, debt repayments and any existing saving or investment commitments. This assessment will give you a realistic view of your financial situation.

Create a budget – Build a budget that reflects your income, expenses, and financial goals. Start by categorising your expenses into fixed (rent/home loan, utilities) and variable (groceries, entertainment) categories. Allocate a portion of your income towards each goal, ensuring that it aligns with your priorities.

Reduce unnecessary expenses – Identify areas where you can reduce or eliminate unnecessary expenses. This could involve cutting back on dining out, entertainment, subscriptions, or shopping habits. Redirect a portion of these savings towards your financial goals.

Automate Savings and Investment – Automating your savings and investments is a powerful way to align your budget with your goals. Set up automatic transfers from your checking account to your savings or investment accounts. This ensures that you consistently contribute towards your goals

without relying on willpower alone.

Monitor and Adjust - Regularly review your budget and track your progress towards your goals. Adjust as needed to stay on track. Life circumstances and financial priorities may change, so be flexible and adapt accordingly.

Money Story

"I was in debt with loan sharks due to not budgeting. I was always broke and my salary would end up paying loan sharks and other debts created aside. This situation impacted my mental health, as I kept on losing focus. I reached out to my financial coach. She assisted me with a budget plan that I had to work on to pay my debt commitments and slowly make changes. By following the plan, I am now out of the debt cycle, and by March I will be renovating my mother's house with the money I saved from the plan I was given by my financial coach."

*Anonymous (Client gave consent to share her story but requested to be anonymous)

Remember, aligning your financial goals to your budget requires discipline and commitment. Stay focused to your goals, make conscious financial decisions, and regularly evaluate your progress. With time, you will find yourself moving closer to achieving your financial aspirations.

If you need any assistance, our team of experienced financial coaches are here to support you every step of the way.

Lyra wellbeing
Formerly ICAS

March is a month of Awareness and Action for persons with Disabilities



As March unfolds, it brings with it a powerful wave of awareness and advocacy for persons with disabilities. From commemorating International Wheelchair Day on 01 March, to marking World Hearing Day on 03 March, and Human Rights Day on the 21st, as well as recognising Intellectual Disability Month, this month is a pivotal time to shed light on the challenges and triumphs of individuals with disabilities.

International Wheelchair Day is observed on March 1st each year. This day aims to raise awareness about the importance of universal accessibility and the rights of people with disabilities. It serves as an opportunity to advocate for equal access to mobility aids, promote understanding and acceptance of wheelchair users, and highlight the challenges they may face in their daily lives.

International Wheelchair Day encourages communities, organisations, and individuals to take concrete actions to improve accessibility and inclusion for people who use wheelchairs. This may involve initiatives such as improving infrastructure, public spaces, transportation, and facilities to ensure that they are wheelchair-friendly.

It also provides a valuable platform for wheelchair users to share their lived experiences and perspectives, promoting dialogue and empathy within communities, fostering a greater understanding of the challenges they face and the importance of accessibility. It reinforces the notion that ensuring accessibility is not just a matter of convenience, but a fundamental aspect of respecting human rights.

World Hearing Day on March 3rd is an opportunity to raise awareness about hearing loss and promote ear and hearing care across the globe. Did you know that approximately 466-million people worldwide live with disabling hearing loss, according to the World Health Organisation? This day reminds us of the importance of accessible healthcare services and the need to address barriers to communication and inclusion faced by individuals with hearing impairments.

Human Rights Day is observed on March 21st, and provides an important opportunity to shine a light on the rights and dignity of all individuals, including those with disabilities. People with disabilities often face significant barriers to enjoying their fundamental human rights, such as barriers to education, employment, healthcare, and full participation in society.

By focussing on the rights of persons with disabilities on Human Rights Day, as South Africans we are reaffirming our commitment to upholding the principles of equality, dignity, and inclusion for all our country's citizens. It is

an opportunity to reflect on progress made in advancing disability rights and to identify areas where further action is needed to ensure that persons with disabilities can fully enjoy their human rights and participate meaningfully in society.

Throughout March, we also bring Intellectual Disability Month into sharp focus. It is a time to celebrate the strengths and contributions of individuals with intellectual disabilities. It is a chance to educate ourselves, promote understanding, and advocate for inclusive opportunities in education, employment, and society at large. With an estimated 1 – 3% of the global population having an intellectual disability, it is crucial that we work together to create a more inclusive and supportive environment for all.

At the Western Cape Association of and for Persons with Disabilities (WCAPD), we recognise the significance of awareness campaigns and their impact on our communities. By participating in such events and initiatives, we aim to raise awareness, foster understanding, and drive tangible progress in addressing the needs of persons with disabilities on the ground. Through our advocacy efforts, community engagement, and service delivery, we strive to effect real change and create a more inclusive society where every individual can thrive. Western Cape Association of and for Persons with Disabilities – Western Cape Association of and for Persons with Disabilities (wcapd.org.za)

You may contact any of the following of our Association of and for Persons with Disabilities (APD) Branches in the Cape Winelands District if you or anyone you know requires assistance and support:

Drakenstein APD (Paarl):	021 879 3769 / info@dapd.org.za
ChangeAbility: (Stellenbosch):	087 802 7157 / info@changeability.org.za
Breede Valley APD (Worcester):	023 347 2002 / admin@bvapd.org.za
Witzenberg APD (Ceres):	023 312 3935 / admin@witzenbergapd.org.za

March is not just a month of awareness, it is a month of action. As we commemorate the various awareness days let us reflect on progress made and the work that lies ahead to ensure that the fundamental rights and dignity of all individuals are upheld.

Regardless of the disability or the platform utilised for advocacy, we must collectively advocate and lobby for the rights of all persons with disabilities in South Africa, creating a society that fosters universal accessibility and inclusion for everyone.

Valentine's Day



The Budget and Treasury (BTO) unit seized Valentine's Day as an opportunity to spread and celebrate love amongst colleagues. The team gathered for a quick teatime catch-up adorned with refreshments all in the theme of love. In the spirit of sharing love, colleagues on the ground floor of the Du Toit Street building were treated to delicious red velvet cupcakes as well.



Fire Services extended the love by delivering delectable toffee apples, hand-delivered by interns Tamryn Koopman and Shareeka Pool, spreading joy and sweetness throughout the office.



Micheala Isaacs (Intern: Administration), Khenan Fransman (Intern: Communications), and Chante Andries (Intern: Technical Services) dressed to the theme on Valentine's Day, adding a touch of love and festivity to the workplace.

Amaal Khan

Welcome to the Cape Winelands District Municipality!

- 1. Name & Surname?**
My name is Amaal Khan.
- 2. What would you like your colleagues to call you?**
Amaal.
- 3. Your position and department?**
Student - Community Development and Planning Services.
- 4. Where did you grow up?**
I grew up in Worcester.
- 5. What do you miss most about being a kid?**
Not having to worry about time and well, just being a kid.
- 6. What is your favourite food?**
I would say Cape Malay and Asian cuisine.
- 7. What's your favorite thing to do on the weekends?**
Just enjoying time with my family especially if we can be outdoors.
- 8. Name one thing that's on your bucket list?**
I would love to go ziplining.
- 9. What makes your blood boil?**
I could name a few things, but I'll go with ignorance.
- 10. Are you romantically committed or are you ready to mingle?**
Happily married 😊



Fatima Karriem

Welcome to the Cape Winelands District Municipality!

- 1. Name & Surname?**
Fatima Karriem.
- 2. What would you like your colleagues to call you?**
Fatima.
- 3. Your position and department?**
Intern: HR (Training and Performance Management).
- 4. Where did you grow up?**
Bellville.
- 5. What do you miss most about being a kid?**
The freedom of just playing and not having a care in the world.
- 6. What is your favourite food?**
Sushi and anything Steak.
- 7. What is your taste in music?**
Rave (Azzido Da Bass – Fave song) & Heavy Metal 😊
- 8. Are you a sports fan? Who are your favorite teams?**
Not really a sportsfan but enjoy watching the Olympics and Cricket.
- 9. What's your favorite thing to do on the weekends?**
Hangout with my boyfriend and paint.
- 10. If given a chance, who or what would you like to be for a day?**
I love water, so I would like to be the sea and knowing of all its wonders.
- 11. What would you do (for a career) if you weren't doing this?**
I would most probably be an arts teacher.
- 12. Name one thing that's on your bucket list?**
Explore the world.
- 13. What makes your blood boil?**
People that are Rude, Insensitive, and have no compassion for any sort of life whatsoever.
- 14. Are you romantically committed or are you ready to mingle?**
I am romantically committed.

Lutholwethu Bonga

Welcome to the Cape Winelands District Municipality!

- 1. Name & Surname?**
Lutholwethu Bonga.
- 2. What would you like your colleagues to call you?**
Lutho.
- 3. Your position and department?**
Intern HR (Training and Performance Management).
- 4. Where did you grow up?**
Worcester.
- 5. What do you miss most about being a kid?**
Not having any responsibilities and being carefree.
- 6. What is your favorite food?**
Seafood, Sushi and Pasta.
- 7. What is your taste in music?**
Amapiano and RNB.
- 8. Are you a sports fan? Who are your favorite teams?**
Yes, Kaizer Chiefs and Springboks.
- 9. What's your favorite thing to do on the weekends?**
I love binge watching and resting the whole weekend.
- 10. If given a chance, who or what would you like to be for a day?**
Connie Ferguson.
- 11. What would you do (for a career) if you weren't doing this?**
I would have been a doctor.
- 12. Name one thing that's on your bucket list?**
Being a permanent employee.
- 13. What makes your blood boil?**
Dishonest people.
- 14. Are you romantically committed or are you ready to mingle?**
I am romantically committed.



Amaar Jacobs

Welcome to the Cape Winelands District Municipality!

- 1. Name & Surname?**
Ammaar Jacobs.
- 2. What would you like your colleagues to call you?**
Ammaar.
- 3. Your position and department?**
Driver Messenger, Financial & Strategic Support Services.
- 4. Where did you grow up?**
Paarl.
- 5. What do you miss most about being a kid?**
Playing rugby.
- 6. What is your favourite food?**
Pizza, Pasta, Gatsby's, Braai, Seafood.
- 7. What is your taste in music?**
Hip Hop, Old school.
- 8. Are you a sports fan? Who are your favorite teams?**
Yes Springboks and Stormers.
- 9. What's your favorite thing to do on the weekends?**
Spending time with my wife and son.
- 10. If given a chance, who or what would you like to be for a day?**
Andrew Tate, Keanu Reeves or American Football Player.
- 11. What would you do (for a career) if you weren't doing this?**
Professional Rugby Player.
- 12. Name one thing that's on your bucket list?**
By God's will to at least get an Honor's or Master's degree before the age of 40.
- 13. What makes your blood boil?**
I won't allow something to make my blood boil, it takes a lot.
- 14. Are you romantically committed or are you ready to mingle?**
Happily Married since 2020.

Imbizo Q3 Vol 1 competition draw

AND THE WINNERS ARE...



Thank you to the colleagues who entered.

Congratulations to, our Q3 Vol 1 Competition winners, **Ntombizodwa Zikhali (Stellenbosch), Lutfiyya Basson (Paarl), Sinethemba Xuba (Worcester), and Hayley Langley (Robertson) Elizabeth Du Toit (Ceres).**

Thank you to **Roxanne Robison** (Principal Clerk: Support Services) who helped us with the lucky draw this month.

Communications is committed to ensure the lucky draw process is fair and transparent, if you want to be the next colleague drawing the winners, just let us know.

If you did not win this time around, enter again, you might just be in luck next time.

Imbizo Q2 Vol 2 & 3 competition winners with their prizes



Bongiwe Binta - Stellenbosch



Elrina Marais - Montagu

Competition - Word Search

Easter

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EASTER FEAST
EASTER BUNNY
CHOCOLATE
EASTER MONDAY
HOT CROSS BUNS

LAST SUPPER
EASTER BASKET
CANDY
PICKLED FISH
PASSOVER

PALM SUNDAY
EASTER EGG
ASH WEDNESDAY
GOOD FRIDAY
DYED EGG

HOLY
EGG HUNT

Only **ONE** entry per person

Name & Surname:

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Workstation and Town:

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Cellphone number:

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Waffles

On Monday, **25 March 2024**, indulge in the comforting embrace of homemade goodness with our delectable waffle recipe for International Waffle Day. The crispy exterior and fluffy interior is perfect with sweet toppings for breakfast or dessert. Add some savoury toppings – like chicken mayo or savoury mince and you have dinner sorted. With simple ingredients and easy-to-follow steps, our recipe promises to bring the inviting aroma of freshly baked waffles right into your kitchen.

You will need:

- 2 cups Cake wheat flour
- 2 tbsp sugar
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 cups milk
- 2 Large eggs
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/3 cup / 80ml sunflower oil

Method

1. Sift dry ingredients and mix together.
2. Combine milk, eggs and oil in a bowl.
3. Add dry ingredients and beat using a whisk or electric beaters until you have a silky batter.
4. Grease and heat the waffle iron as per manufacturer's instructions
5. Cook waffles as per waffle iron instructions: generally with a hot waffle iron the waffles take 2-4 minutes to cook.
6. They should be brown and crisp.
7. Serve hot with syrup/fruit/ice cream/cream/toppings of your choice.



Waffle batter



Happy
Birthday!

March

birthdays

02	Cllr Gideon Carinus	15	Gino Gordon	20	Gerhard Martin
02	Lorenzo Pharo	15	Cllr Marguarite Smit	21	Johnathan Abrahams
03	Karen Esau	15	Cllr Marius Van Stade	24	Marous Pekeur
05	Jastine August	16	Mildred Mqhobi	24	Francois Terblanche
06	Deno Joseph	16	Elestene Scheffers	25	Samuel Feleza
06	Ronel Van Rooyen	17	Granville Steyn	26	Jacolene Loubser
06	Welcome Majaja	18	Micaela Isaacs	28	Vernicia Campher
10	Sandisiwe Mbenenge	18	Ntsembo Nghonyama	28	Nathan Haas
12	Ammaar Jacobs	19	Sharon Green	31	Nizaam Karriem
14	Cllr Attie Du Plessis	19	Johnithan Malgas	31	Ronel Leo
14	Martin Lesch	20	Cllr Doreen Carolissen	31	Shareeka Pool
14	Tameran Jagers	20	Cllr Leigh-ann Adams		