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ONS PRONK INTERNASIONAAL

Prins Albert se tydlose skoonheid het die middelpunt van die verhoog ingeneem toe KLM, die Nederlandse lugredery, 'n boeiende een-minuut-videomontage verfilm het om die Groot Karoo se bekoring te vertoon.

Die Prins Albert Munisipaliteit en PATA (Prince Albert Toerismevereniging) was instrumenteel om die span te help om ons dorp en sy omgewing as 'n moet-besoek ten toon te stel vir dié wat op soek is na 'n bestemming buite gebaande weë.

Toe die Internasionale Produksiemaatskappy, Since '88, vir Balthazar Bierman, 'n plaaslike filmvervaardiger by Ethikos Media, genader het met hulle idees vir die KLM advertensie veldtog, het Balthazar dadelik gesê ons dorp is 'n moet. Balthazar het jare tevore met die Prins Albert Munisipaliteit saamgewerk toe hulle Deon Meyer se *Trackers* hier geskiet het, en sedertdien het hy 'n sagte plek vir die dorp.

Toe hy ons nuwe Munisipale Bestuurder, Thys Giliomee, genader het om te help met die verfilming het ons kollektiewe span dadelik tot aksie oorgegaan met kundigheid en kreatiwiteit. Die Hollanders het 'n lang wenslys gehad van tonele wat hulle wou verfilm – insluitende angorabokke tydens sonsopkoms. Die span het uitstekende liggings geïdentifiseer wat Prins Albert se historiese sjarre, lewendige plaaslike kultuur en die dramatiese Karoo-landskap vasgevang het.

'n Bok vir sports (en kameras)

'n Belangrike hoogtepunt was om toestemming te verkry om te verfilm by Groot Waterval, 'n skilderagtige skaapplaas 45 km buite die dorp. Hierdie familie-juweel, met sy uitgestrekte uitsigte en outentieke Karoo-gasvryheid – en natuurlik pragtige angorabokke – het perfek ingepas by KLM se visie.

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear residents of Prince Albert,

Our municipality continues to shine as a beacon of community spirit and timeless beauty. The recent KLM video, capturing the breathtaking landscapes and vibrant culture of our Great Karoo, has placed Prince Albert on the global stage. This international spotlight, made possible through our partnership with the Prince Albert Tourism Association and local talent like Balthazar Bierman, reminds us of the unique charm that draws visitors from afar. It fills me with pride to see our town celebrated for its historic allure and warm hospitality.

The Journey to Jazz Festival 2025 was a testament to our unity, bringing residents together to revel in music and creativity at the enigmatic Krittikom Koppie Theatre. From Siya Makuzeni's soulful performance to the children dancing with the Laingsburg Brass Band, these moments strengthen our bonds and showcase our vibrant spirit.

Our first ever domestic animal survey was also a great success, thanks to the passionate volunteers at PADS, our responsive and positive community and our dedicated municipal officials and peace officers. Thank you for helping to make life better for our people and our pets. We also celebrate trailblazers like Ms Evelyn Conradie, whose pioneering role in waste collection inspires us all to break barriers and contribute to our community's growth.

I invite you to join me at our upcoming Open Government Session on 10 June 2025, where we can share ideas and concerns to shape our future together. Your voice is vital as we work towards a Prince Albert that remains a cherished home for all. Let's continue to nurture our town's pride and welcome the world to experience its magic.

Warm regards,

Linda Jaquet
Executive Mayor



Prince Albert Municipality recently welcomed Adv. Thys Giliomee as our new Municipal Manager, a leader whose track record of clean audits and national awards for financial sustainability at Mossel Bay Municipality signals a bright future for our community. His arrival has ignited a wave of optimism and purpose across our community.

On 1 May he led a strategy session at the Showroom Theatre where he shared his vision and unwavering commitment to transform Prince Albert into a beacon of sustainable growth, high-quality living and exceptional service delivery. Mr. Giliomee outlined a pragmatic plan to tackle challenges like poverty and ageing infrastructure while fostering job creation and financial viability.

His commitment to accountability ensures every official owns their role, with clear performance metrics driving results. "I want us to roll out the red carpet for investors and residents," he said warmly, "because bringing opportunities to Prince Albert means jobs and a better life for our people." His focus on risk management and sustainable growth reflects a leader who plans ahead to prevent crises.

Mr. Giliomee's heart for service shines through in his mission to uplift residents. "We're here to serve, not to sit back," he shared, emphasising that every decision must prioritise community needs. By broadening our tax base and addressing the indigent-to-paying-customer ratio, he aims to secure a stable future. His call for transparent communication and public participation invites residents to co-create Prince Albert's path forward.

With a vision for high-quality living and exceptional service, Mr. Giliomee combines strategic foresight with practical steps. His dedication to good governance and community pride is contagious. Prince Albert is fortunate to have such a capable, grounded leader steering us toward greater prosperity and opportunities for all. We wholeheartedly endorse Mr. Giliomee and urge our community to support his efforts to make Prince Albert a place we all cherish.



A SPORTING CHANCE

FUNDING HELPS REVITALISE SPORT IN THE KAROO

Seven sport federations in the Central Karoo district recently received a combined total of R785,000 from the Western Cape Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport to support their operations and development programmes. Western Cape Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport, Ricardo Mackenzie, handed over the cheques during a ceremony in Prince Albert on 15 May. Councillor Neville Claasen welcomed the Minister and his team.

Minister Mackenzie praised the dedication of those working at grassroots level: "Our continued support for sport federations is not just about funding – it's about recognising the people behind the scenes who give their time and energy to grow sport in our province. Their commitment to good governance and compliance is exactly why the private sector is willing to partner with the Western Cape Government on initiatives that benefit our communities," he said.

The funding will enable federations to run effective operations, host competitions, and advance transformation within their respective sporting codes. "Sport is more than just competition. It brings people together, builds communities, and creates opportunities – especially for our youth," Minister Mackenzie added.



Sport council re-establishment

On 7 May 2025, the Prince Albert Municipality hosted a pivotal stakeholder engagement session, uniting representatives from all recognised sport codes across Prince Albert, Leeu-Gamka and Klaarstroom. The meeting aimed to bolster collaboration between the Municipality and the local sporting community, addressing critical barriers to sport development in the region.

Mr Charlton Jafta presented an overview of municipal sport facilities, highlighting their current condition, availability and accessibility across the three towns. Stakeholders discussed challenges as well as planned upgrades and long-term investment in sport infrastructure.

The inactivity of the Prince Albert Sport Council was addressed, underscoring the urgent need to re-establish a representative body to lead sport development. The re-established Sport Council will act as a coordinating body, promoting inclusivity and driving structured sport growth.

To achieve this, the interim Sport Council will launch an awareness and mobilisation campaign across the three towns. The goal is to establish a credible, community-endorsed Sport Council by 30 June 2025.



MESSAGE FROM THE MM

Dear residents,

It is with great enthusiasm that I share my first message as your Municipal Manager. Since joining the Prince Albert Municipality, I have been immersed in a whirlwind of activity, from strategic planning to hands-on collaboration with our dedicated teams. The energy and commitment I've witnessed across our communities fill me with optimism for a bright and sustainable future.

Our operational strides reflect this momentum. The Leeu Gamka water treatment plant now delivers 0.772 million litres of clean, safe water daily to Welgemoed-noord and Newton Park. This facility has slashed bacterial counts from 15 to 1 unit and iron levels from 40 to 20 units, ensuring clear, potable water. This milestone is the first step in a larger plan to build reservoirs and eliminate the bucket system in Leeu Gamka.

We proudly celebrate our water management team's first-prize win for the best poster presentation at the ISMAR12 Symposium in Stellenbosch. This accolade for our managed aquifer recharge project, supported by the Western Cape Department of Local Government, underscores our commitment to innovative water security. I also commend Mr Ashley America for achieving professional engineering technologist status. This is a testament to his expertise and dedication and will no doubt strengthen our technical capacity to deliver exceptional services.

Sewerage blockages remain a pressing challenge, driven by improper disposal of items like sanitary products, oils, and plastics, which our systems cannot handle. I urge residents to help us safeguard our infrastructure and the Karoo's pristine environment. These actions are vital for the health of Prince Albert, Leeu Gamka, and Klaarstroom.

For those managing municipal debt, our extended 40% discount payment incentive scheme offers a pathway to settle accounts. With your support, I am confident we will build a thriving, resilient Prince Albert, driven by practical solutions and a shared vision for progress.

Sincerely,

Thys Giliomee
Municipal Manager





Op 16 Mei het die span Terblanche le Grange op sy familieplaas ontmoet waar hulle soos ou vriende ontvang is (kompleet met boeretroos en tuisgebakte beskuit). Terblanche was so op sy gemak voor die kameras dat die vervaardigers besluit het om hom sommer in te span vir 'n uitgebreide onderhoud. Rosa Dieker van KLM het gesê Terblanche en Groot Waterval is presies wat hulle wou hê: eg.

Hulle het daarna by Sophia Booley se wewery verfilm waar die kollig was op die pragtige eind-produkte wat gemaak word van hierdie syhaar bokke se hare (ja, dis hare, nie wol nie). Die natuurskoon om Prins Albert is ook pragtig vasgevang. Die KLM-video, deel van hul wêreldwye veldtog om verborge juwele te bevorder, belowe om Prins Albert se profiel te verhoog en reisigers te lok wat gretig is vir outentieke ervarings. Hierdie samewerking beklemtoon ons verbintenis tot die bevordering van toerisme, terwyl ons ons gemeenskap se warmte en erfenis ten toon stel.

Ons bedank almal in ons dorp vir hul hartlike verwelkoming van ons internasionale en plaaslike gaste. Terwyl ons wag vir die vrystelling van die video is ons opgewonde oor die potensiaal daarvan om Prins Albert se betowering met die wêreld te deel en besoekers uit te nooi om ons sterreheemel, ryk geskiedenis en Karoo-siel te verken.



SOETE WATERS

LEEU GAMKA SE WATERGEHALTE SPRONG

Leeu Gamka-inwoners vier 'n langgesogte oorwinning met die Prins Albert Munisipaliteit se nuut voltooide watersuiweringsaanleg vir Welgemoed-noord en Newton Park, wat op 21 Oktober 2024 voltooi is. Hierdie prestasie weerspieël die munisipaliteit se standvastige verbintenisse om skoon, veilige water vir die gemeenskap te verseker, 'n prioriteit wat hulle jare lank aktief nagestreef het met noukeurige beplanning en aksie.



Groot glimlagte van Zolile Nongene, Vandross Constable, Ryan Harris en Ashley America.



Vandross Constable, Waterprosekontroleerder, het opleiding in die bedryf van die nuwe watersuiweringsaanleg suksesvol voltooi.

Die munisipaliteit erken lank reeds die uitdagings van verkleurde water en onaangename reuke in Leeu Gamka. Deur te luister na inwoners, wat dikwels bottels troebel water na openbare vergaderings gebring het, het die munisipaliteit onvermoeid gewerk om hierdie probleme aan te spreek. Die konstruksie van die nuwe suiweringsaanleg (Projek Nr. 196/2023) is die jongste mylpaal in hul voortgesette pogings.

Die projek, wat op 24 Mei 2024 begin het, nadat Water Purification Chemical & Plant (PTY) LTD op 24 April 2024 aangestel is, is tot lewe gebring met die ondersteuning van H&J Automation en Venleo Construction vir elektriese en bouwerk. Die resultaat is 'n stelsel wat daaglik 0.772 miljoen liter water behandel om aan die behoeftes van elke huishouding voldoen.

Die proses is eenvoudig maar effektief: water gaan eers in 'n tenk waar lug slegte reuke verwyder, 'n stap wat belugting genoem word. Dit sak dan in 'n reservoier neer om onsuierhede te laat sink, gaan hierna deur sewe filters om klein deeltjies op te vang en ondergaan tru-osmose, 'n diep skoonmaakmetode wat goed soos sulfate en yster verwyder, wat die kleur- en smaakprobleme veroorsaak het.

Uiteindelik word die water gestoor, gereed vir gebruik. Die resultate is indrukwekkend. In September 2024, voor die aanleg, het toetse bakterieë (totale koliforme) teen 15 eenhede getoon, elektriese geleidingsvermoë (wat die smaak beïnvloed) was 287 en ystervlakke was 40 eenhede, wat die bruinerige tint veroorsaak het. Teen Oktober 2024, nadat die aanleg begin het, het bakterieë tot 1 eenheid gedaal, geleidingsvermoë tot 166 (binne die veilige limiet van 170), en yster verminder tot 20 eenhede. Die water is nou helder, vars en aangenaam om te drink.

"Hierdie fase is slegs die begin van 'n groter projek wat daarop gemik is om die algehele gehalte van dienste wat aan die gemeenskap gelewer word, te verbeter," sê Direkteur: Tegniese Dienste, mnr. Zolile Nongene. "Daaropvolgende fases sal die konstruksie van bykomende reservoiers, pompstasies en die volledige uitwissing van die emmerstelsel in Leeu Gamka insluit."

Ons bedank ons inwoners hartlik vir hul ondersteuning dwarsdeur hierdie reis. Hierdie aanleg is nie net 'n projek nie – dit is 'n belofte wat nagekom word, om kwaliteit water aan elke huis te lewer.



CELEBRATING TEAM TRIUMPH AT ISMAR12



The Prince Albert Municipality proudly celebrates our water management team, for securing first prize for the best poster presentation for a scientific professional at the 12th International Symposium on Managed Aquifer Recharge (ISMAR12). Jan Myburgh from AGES presented the poster at the Symposium held in Stellenbosch from 28 April to 2 May 2025, where 170 delegates from 30 countries gathered under the theme “From Theory to Implementation and Operation.” Supported by the IAH, ASCE, and UNESCO, ISMAR12 highlighted our innovative approach to water security.

The poster (included on the following page) showcases current progress on the Prince Albert managed aquifer recharge (MAR) project, with funding from the Western Cape Department of Local Government (DLG), building on 2007-2010 studies by Groundwater Africa and the Department of Water and Sanitation. The team rehabilitated injection boreholes, installed injection and monitoring equipment and developed a shallow injection trench to be able to recharge both the shallow and deep aquifers along the Dorps River floodplain during times of excess surface water availability.

Short calibration injection tests were done, with extended trials planned for the dry season to assess sustainable long term injection rates. Currently, in collaboration with SMEC civil engineers, the team is also investigating the feasibility of flood retention structures, check-dams, a permanent intake weir and a potential off-channel storage dam in the Dorps River floodplain, to enhance raw water security in future.

This accolade underscores the municipality’s partnership with DLG, the Kweekvallei Water Users Association and our community, towards more sustainable water supply for agriculture and residents. We are immensely proud of the team for presenting our shared vision and of our dedicated planners, engineers, and stakeholders – whose collaboration aligns with global best practices while preserving Prince Albert’s unique character. As we pursue authorisations and refine infrastructure, our collective commitment positions us as a beacon of sustainability, securing a water-resilient future for our town.



OUR FIRST ECSA-REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGIST

The Prince Albert Municipality proudly celebrates a significant achievement within its Technical Services Department. On 24 April 2025, Mr Ashley America, a senior managerial official, became the only registered Professional Engineering Technologist (Pr Tech Eng) in the Category B local municipalities within the Central Karoo District. This milestone, recognised by the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) under the Engineering Profession Act, 2000 (Act 46 of 2000), underscores the municipality’s commitment to enhancing the technical capacity and professionalism of its staff.

Mr America’s journey to professional registration is a testament to perseverance and dedication. Holding a National Diploma in Civil Engineering from CPUT, a B-Tech Degree in Civil Engineering from UNISA, and a Certificate in Solid Waste Management and Technologies from the Technical University of Denmark, he has consistently pursued excellence. His achievement challenges the notion that professional registration with ECSA is primarily for private-sector engineers, proving that public-sector professionals can also attain this prestigious status through hard work and career development.

Professional registration with ECSA offers numerous benefits for both the individual and the municipality. It serves as an objective measure of competence, assuring the public and clients of the high standards upheld by the municipality’s staff. This is particularly valuable in a field where not all employees may have an engineering background. Registration also aligns with South Africa’s role in the global engineering community, as ECSA’s adherence to international accords ensures that qualifications are recognised worldwide, enhancing competitiveness and maintaining rigorous standards.

The Engineering Profession Act, along with other legislation like the National Water Act, 1998 (Act 36 of 1998), reserves specific engineering tasks—such as dam safety assessments—for registered professionals. Mr America’s Pr Tech Eng status positions the municipality to undertake such critical responsibilities with confidence, ensuring compliance with statutory requirements and boosting service delivery.

This achievement reflects the Technical Services Department’s ongoing efforts to build a skilled, professional workforce capable of addressing the municipality’s infrastructure and service needs. By fostering an environment where career growth is prioritised, Prince Albert Municipality sets a precedent for other local governments. We congratulate Mr Ashley America on his remarkable accomplishment and look forward to the continued impact of his expertise in serving our community.

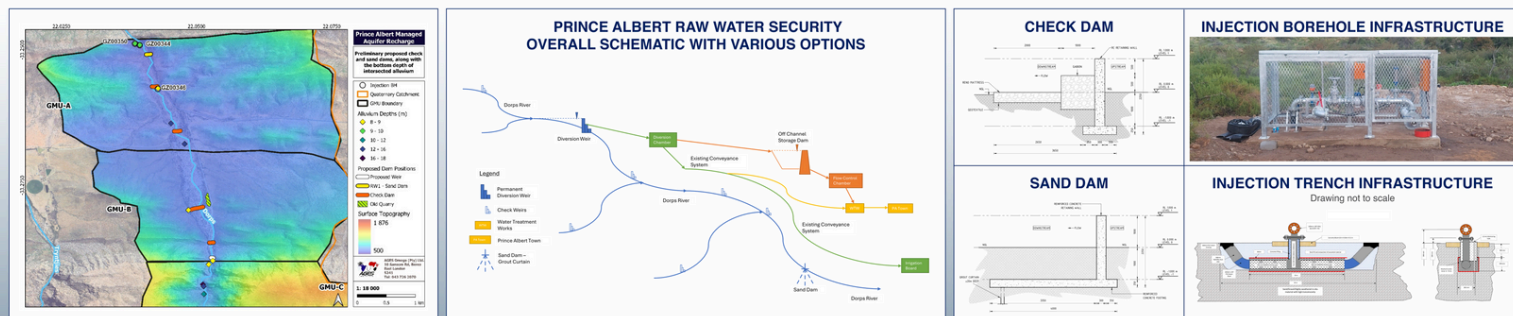
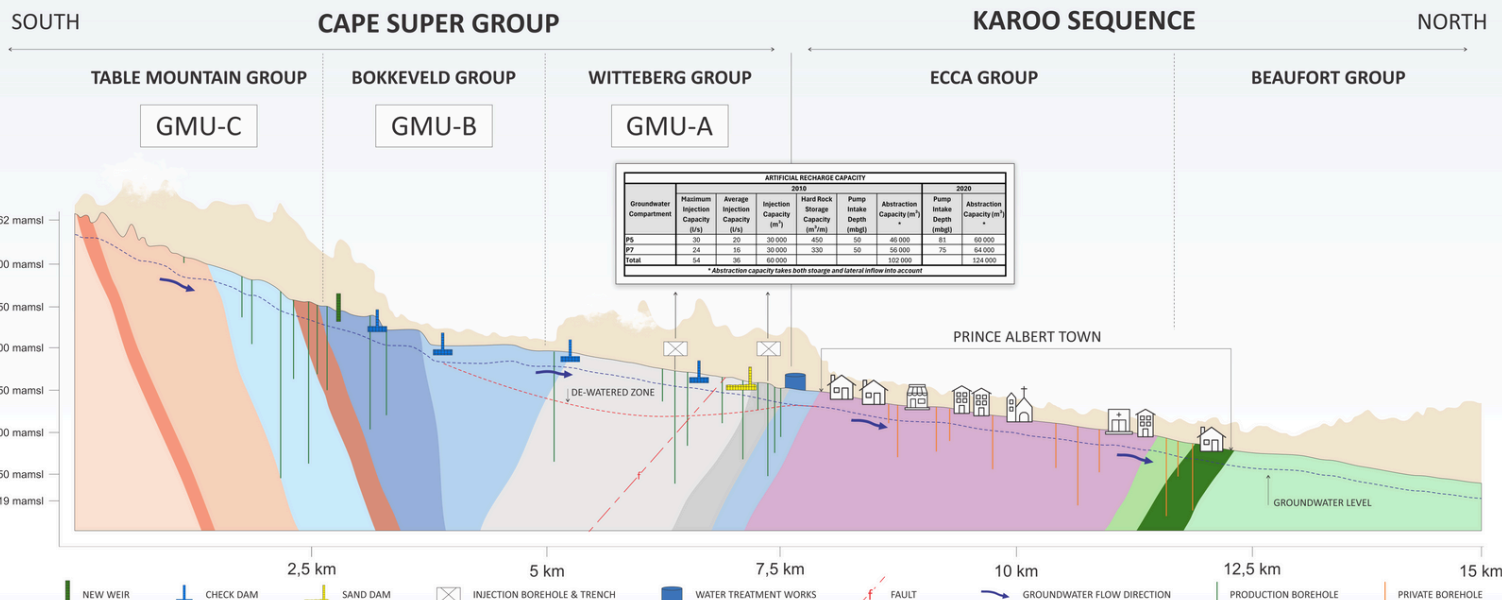


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The picturesque Karoo town of Prince Albert, known for its harsh, dry conditions with limited rainfall and high summer temperatures, uniquely benefits from access to both groundwater and surface water. Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) studies conducted over fifteen years ago highlighted MAR's potential to sustain the town's water supply by using surplus surface water to replenish aquifers during dry seasons when groundwater is heavily relied upon. With funding from the Western Cape Department of Local Government, the Prince Albert Municipality has initiated the implementation of MAR in 2024, based on historical feasibility studies done by Groundwater Africa and the Department of Water and Sanitation between 2007 and 2010. The current project's first phase involved the rehabilitation and re-testing of

Injection boreholes and installing the necessary injection infrastructure and monitoring equipment for future injection trials. Due to above-average rainfall in the year preceding the planned trial, the aquifers are currently fully recharged leaving insufficient space for effective injection trials. A short injection test was conducted to calibrate equipment, with an extended trial being scheduled for the dry season when groundwater levels are expected to lower, allowing sufficient space in the aquifers for effective injection assessments. Additionally, a shallow injection trench was constructed in the overlying alluvium and connected to the injection infrastructure, enabling future injection into either the deeper fractured aquifer or the overlying alluvium. This will provide valuable data on the alluvium's capacity for artificial recharge.

The feasibility of in-channel modification and flood retention structures, to increase recharge to the underlying aquifer, was investigated in 2025 and preferred sites for such structures were identified in collaboration with the civil engineering team as part of a raw water security improvement study. This additional study investigated the feasibility of constructing of a permanent intake weir and off-channel raw water storage dam as well as several check-dams and possible sand-dams in the Dorps River floodplain. The final design and extent of the MAR project can be completed and implemented once the extended injection trial is completed, and applicable authorisations have been obtained.



Since 2001, above-average precipitation has caused groundwater levels to rise significantly across the basin, reducing available storage for artificial recharge and limiting extended injection trials.

Artificial recharge aligns with peak aquifer recharge during the wet season. However, in drier years with below-average precipitation, groundwater levels will recover more gradually, leaving open storage for artificial recharge.

Additional storage capacity can be achieved by strategically managing groundwater extraction from boreholes. Once sufficient storage is available, excess extraction can be reduced to allow groundwater levels to replenish reserves for use during dry periods.

The surface water authority can provide short-notice updates on excess flow availability, which occurs when municipal and industrial users are not using their full allocation, when remaining flow exceeds supply infrastructure capacity.

Agriculture in the study area relies on furrow flow to sustain both summer and winter crops.

To improve water storage, water demand and optimize the release of excess flow for artificial recharge, artificial recharge by drip, it is recommended that:

- continuing imagery be captured at least monthly to monitor vegetation, soil and water

The furrow water is high quality, meeting most ideal drinking water standards with only minimum and turbidity slightly exceeding operational limits. When mixed with groundwater, it is expected to enhance overall water quality by diluting any elevated concentrations. However, careful monitoring of the effluent fractions is necessary to prevent clogging and ensure sustainable recovery.

Short-duration injection tests were conducted on borehole ZG030436 and a new borehole was drilled to the south of the existing borehole. The response varies significantly with the borehole showing greater recovery compared to the trench.

Injection Borehole Calibration Test (4.8 hours):

The injection rate was kept constant at 35.3 m³/hr (9.8 l/s) from 50 minutes onward.

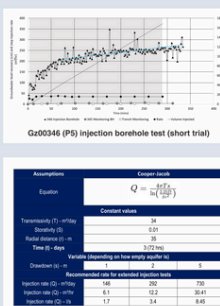
The groundwater level rose 1.87 m in the first 50 minutes and an additional 1.2 m over the next 240 minutes, indicating steady-state behavior.

- Future Extended Trial Recommendation: Injection rates of 17.1 L/s, 34.1 L/s, and 48.5 l/s are recommended to raise groundwater levels by 1.2, 2 and 2.8 m, respectively.

Trench Calibration Test (2 hours):

The injection rate was kept constant at 12.15 m³/hr between 65–120 minutes. The groundwater level increased by 24.2 cm in the first 60 minutes, with a total rise of 30.2 cm after 2 hours.

- Future Extended Trial Recommendation: Injection rates of 1.4 L/s, 2.7 L/s, and 6.8 l/s are recommended to raise groundwater levels by 1 m, 2 m, and 3 m, respectively.



Managed aquifer recharge schemes often use in-channel modifications or artificial channels to enhance the recharge of underlying aquifers. These include: (1) creating or enlarging floodways, detaining, or managing of floodwaters in a controlled manner to reduce its speed and volume; (2) installing structures to temporarily store floodwater, allowing it to infiltrate into the ground or be released downstream more slowly.

In regions with intermittent or seasonal surface water, floodwater retardation can be key for aquifer recharge. Retardation structures can be installed during dry periods, and potentially improve the groundwater quality. Structures like check dams, recharge/leaky dams, and floodwalls can be installed during dry periods and removed or raised during the flood season to slow flow for more effective infiltration and aquifer recharge. Flood retardation techniques are most effective in areas with high soil and aquifer permeability. Floodwater can infiltrate the ground and percolate rapidly into the groundwater system. Various in-channel modifications for MAR have been extensively studied and successfully implemented on a global scale.

- Complete the current feasibility phase by carrying out extended injection trials.
- Injection trials to include water quality monitoring during extended injection at the borehole and infiltration trench when aquifer conditions are favourable, or sufficient injection capacity has been created by strategically managing groundwater extraction from production boreholes within the respective aquifer compartment.
- Quantify long term sustainable injection rates as well as storage and abstraction capacities.
- Develop preliminary infrastructure design and define project implementation phases and cost requirements.
- Identify funding sources.
- Compile a detailed project implementation plan.

- Obtain the necessary water use licence and environmental authorisation for the MAR scheme.
- Develop and test new injection and abstraction boreholes as well as injection trenches. Construct flood retardation infrastructure.
- Set up the groundwater and recharge water monitoring system
- Develop the detailed infrastructure design, carry out the tendering processes, and construct the project.
- Carry out the operation & maintenance procedures

J2J 2025

MAKING IT HAPPEN

A bitterly cold Karoo wind cuts through the crowd as they wait for the sun to rise over the stage. The otherworldly sounds of Siya Makuzeni, fits this strange scene of a disused quarry that has been transformed into a 90-seat open-air amphitheatre, perfectly. Makuzeni is a South African trombonist, vocalist and composer who blends jazz, Xhosa music and soul with electronic live vocal loops and sound manipulation. Her show is vocal dexterity and experimental creativity at its best – and the backdrop of the Swartberg mountains is hard to beat.

This is the Journey to Jazz Festival 2025 which filled the whole town with music, inspiration and community spirit from 1-4 May. But most of us never see the behind-the-scenes and the team who silently makes an event like this happen. Partnering with the Prince Albert Community Trust (PACT), the Prince Albert Municipality was instrumental in helping ensure that this vibrant cultural event runs smoothly.

A key contribution was their effort in preparing the Krittikom Koppie Theatre, a repurposed quarry, for the free People's Concert on 1 May. They cleared debris and ensured safety, creating a stunning venue for Makuzeni's trombone sunrise performance.

A lively march from the PACT Centre, led by the Laingsburg Brass Band, brought crowds of excited children to Krittikom, where the Karoo Blues Band, Zolani Choir, Oom Tallie, Prince Albert Vastrappers and surprise acts performed until noon, setting a joyful tone. Children sang, danced and were enthralled by the performances, clearly enjoying every minute of it.

Behind the scenes, the municipality worked tirelessly, securing permits for venues like the NG Church and managing road access to keep the festival running smoothly. Our team collected waste and made sure lights were working. These often-unseen tasks required careful planning and coordination, ensuring visitors and residents alike could enjoy the event without disruption.

Events like this empower local youth, with J2J providing training in event management and music production, fostering skills and creating opportunities. It boosts Prince Albert's economy and highlights the beauty of our landscapes. The entire team's steadfast efforts ensured J2J 2025 was a celebration of music and togetherness, making our town a place we're all proud to call home. Thank you, Prince Albert Municipality, for your vital role in bringing this festival to life!





OUR TEAM, MAKING IT HAPPEN



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FIRST LADY

TRAILBLAZER IN WASTE COLLECTION

Ms Evelyn Conradie has made history as the first woman to thrive in Prince Albert's waste collection team. Over the past 15 years, only two women have ventured into this demanding role, with Evelyn standing out for her unwavering dedication. While the other candidate stepped down, she persevered, proving her mettle with passion and resilience.

Waste collection is a physically challenging job, yet Evelyn has excelled, passing every obstacle with flying colours. Known for her positive spirit and strong work ethic, she not only supports her team but often takes the lead. Her commitment shone through when she completed internal training to operate the compactor, achieving excellence once again.

Evelyn's journey is a testament to breaking barriers in a male-dominated field. Her determination and heart inspire others, showing what can be achieved with grit and enthusiasm. The municipality salutes her as a true pioneer, whose contributions strengthen our community.



SUCCESSFUL FIRST ANIMAL SURVEY

On 22 May 2025, the Prince Albert Municipality, alongside Prince Albert Animal Welfare (PADS), launched its first Prince Albert Domestic Animal Survey. Covering Prince Albert, Leeu-Gamka and Klaarstroom, the survey counts all domestic animals to promote responsible pet ownership and community well-being.

Mayor Linda Jaquet opened the event with an inspiring speech, underscoring the survey's role in building a safer, healthier community. Charlton Jafta from the municipality explained the project's aim to manage pet overpopulation and reduce stray animals, easing pressure on community resources.

The real stars of the show, our peace officers, went tirelessly from door-to-door throughout May, gathering information with friendliness and professionalism. Children marvelled at the officers in their uniforms, adding a joyful note to the process. The officers distributed dog food and educated residents on bylaws, such as leash laws and rules against illegal hunting with dogs.

The data will guide the municipality and PADS in securing funding for mobile vet clinics and promoting responsible pet care. Residents can participate via the online survey [<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1lgmyq5aTou0-xZnUYha9K23IBIElhBj-cQZmmn0sGxl/edit>].

The municipality urges support for PADS through donations of money, time, or items like collars.



ONS BIB BLY BESIG

Prins Albert biblioteek het 'n nuwe baadjie gekry met 'n uitverf en splinternuwe matte. Provinsie (Wes-Kaap Biblioteekdiens) het R200 000 bewillig vir restaurasiewerk aan ons 4 biblioteke vir die boekjaar 2024/2025. Klaarstroom en Leeu-Gamka biblioteke het nuwe lugreeling gekry en Klaarstroom s'n is ook uitverf. Hulle is ook in die proses om nuwe matte te kry.

Die biblioteek het nie net die verf van die biblioteke gesien nie, maar ook fynere verfwerk. Gedurende ons jaarlikse Biblioteekweek, 19 - 23 Mei 2025, het die Gr R's en Juniors van Wilde Kanisland, Albert College, Kweekvallei Kollege, Prince Albert Kleuter Akademie, Little Bridge, PA Primêr en Sonneblomme almal gedeel in die pret van kinderkins. Die kinders het prentjies van troeteldiere opgehelder en geteken in allerhande kleure en patrone, en selfs geskryf oor hul troeteldiere.

Na die kleintjies was dit die lesers bo 60 se beurt met die Biblioteek-Tee. Die spoggerige tee was gehou op 20 Mei in die NG Kerkzaal waar Vanessa Botha as seremoniemeester opgetree het en gedigte voorgelees het. Daarna is die gehoor vermaak deur Wilde Kanisland se kinders en het toe pragtige sang deur Danie Verster geniet. By die Bejaardesorgsentrum het dit net so lekker gegaan met vermaak deur Little Bridge en 'n voorlesing deur Mariana Evans. Donderdag 22 Mei het die Biblioteek Vriende al 8 kleuterskole besoek met stories en handpoppe. Dankie aan ons biblioteekspanne wat die gemeenskap ophelder met verbeelding en avontuur, soos 'n skat weggesteek tussen die blaaie van boeke.



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TEGNIES GESPROKE

MNR DANVOR SARELSE VERDUIDELIK



Rioolverstoppings is 'n groeiende bedreiging vir ons pragtige Prins Albert, Leeu-Gamka en Klaarstroom, wat ons infrastruktuur onder druk plaas en ons gesondheid en omgewing in gevaar stel.

Die Prins Albert Munisipaliteit hanteer gemiddeld vier verstoppings per week, wat lei tot duur herstelwerk, vertraagde dienslewering en rioolstortings wat die Nasionale Omgewingsbestuurwet (NEMA) oortree.

Hierdie stortings hou ernstige gesondheidsrisiko's in en beskadig die natuurlike skoonheid wat ons koester. Maar saam kan ons dit verander—kom ons neem trots in die behoud van ons dorpe se skoonheid, veiligheid en doeltreffendheid.

Maklik om te voorkom

Die kern van die probleem lê in menslike gewoontes. Die spoel van items soos sanitêre produkte, vlegsels, lappe, oorstokkies, plastiek, koerantpapier of vette en olies verstopt ons rioolstelsel, wat slegs vir toiletpapier ontwerp is.

Restourante en besighede vererger die probleem deur vette en olies in dreine te gooi, 'n praktyk wat koste kan meebring vir oortreders. Vandalisme, soos kinders wat inspeksiepunte beskadig of klippe in die stelsel gooi, dra by tot die chaos.

Boomwortels van indringerspesies soos die Wildevytjie dring pype binne, terwyl onwettige strukture oor rioolpype toegang tydens noodgevälle belemmer. Elke verstopping veroorsaak oorstromings, wat ons gemeenskap se gesondheid en die Karoo se ongerepte omgewing bedreig.

Dis wat gebeur wanneer rioolpype verstopt word vanweë slegte gewoontes en vandalisme. Ons vind alles van klippe tot vlegsels en plastieksakke in die rioolpype.



Verander gewoontes, verander omstandighede

Die impak is duidelik: Prins Albert het 'n hoë risiko met gereelde verstoppings, Leeu-Gamka ervaar matige probleme, maar Klaarstroom skitter as 'n voorbeeld met seldsame verstoppings—slegs een elke drie maande.

Dit wys wat moontlik is as ons verantwoordelik optree. Deur ons gewoontes te verander, kan ons ons dorpe beskerm en openbare fondse bespaar vir beter dienste.

Voorkoming begin by jou. Moenie vreemde materiale soos lappe, sanitêre produkte of olies spoel nie.

Hou kinders weg van rioolinspeksiepunte en verhoed dat voorwerpe in die stelsel gegooi word. Vermoedlik bouwerk oor rioolpype sonder munisipale goedkeuring. Hierdie eenvoudige stappe kan verstoppings verminder, stortings voorkom en ons dorpe laat floreer.

Kom ons neem trots in ons gemeenskappe en tree nou op. Rapporteer verstoppings onmiddellik aan die Munisipaliteit. Saam kan ons Klaarstroom se voorbeeld volg, koste verlaag en die skoonheid en doeltreffendheid van ons dorpe behou. Elke aksie tel—kom ons hou Prins Albert vlot aan die gang vir almal!

SERVICE WITH A DASHING SMILE!

Hoe lekker is dit nie om sulke vriendelike gesigte te sien wanneer jou motor nie wil saamwerk nie! Selwyn Amsterdam en Joseph van Rooi het sommer vinnig vir Mariana Evans, 'n nuwe inwoner vanaf Graaff Reinet, gehelp om haar kar weer aan die gang te kry. Julle maak ons trots manne!



DRUG BUST



On 14 April, the Prince Albert Traffic and Law Enforcement Unit conducted a successful Vehicle Check Point (VCP) operation, resulting in a significant drug bust. Officers apprehended a suspect found in possession of approximately 1.6 kilograms of cannabis and R1400 in cash. The individual was promptly arrested at the scene and handed over to the South African Police Service (SAPS) for further processing. A criminal case for possession of a prohibited substance was opened at the local SAPS office.

This operation underscores the municipality's commitment to ensuring community safety and combating illegal activities. The Traffic and Law Enforcement Unit continues to work diligently to maintain law and order, protecting residents from the dangers of drug-related crimes. The municipality commends the officers for their vigilance and encourages the public to report suspicious activities to assist in keeping Prince Albert safe.



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DONDERDAG 5 JUNIE 2025

16h00 - 18h00
Sydwell Williams Sentrum
Prince Albert

**Sê
jou
sê**

1ST THURSDAYS IS TERUG! KOM ONS PRAAT

- Burgemeester Linda Jaquet nooi u uit na 'n Oop Regeringsessie met die Munisipale Bestuurder en sy span, raadslede en verteenwoordigers van verskeie regeringsdepartemente
- Bring u kwessie, navraag, bekommernis of goeie idee aan ons
- Wie eerste kom, word eerste bedien
- 10-minuut sessie, een-tot-een

VERLENG: MUNISIPALE SKULDBETALINGSKEMA

Die 40%-kortingbetaling-aansporingskema vir die betaling van u uitstaande Munisipale skuld voor Junie 2024 is VERLENG tot 30 JUNIE 2025.

Wat dit vir jou beteken:

- Betaal 60% van wat jy skuld
- Die munisipaliteit sal die res afskryf
- Gratis omskakeling na voorafbetaalde elektrisiteit en watermeters

Wie kan aansoek doen:

Inwoners, kerke, besighede en boere.
Vir meer inligting: Prins Albert: 023 541 1552
Klaarstroom: 060 524 2074
Leeu-Gamka: 023 521 2836

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