

# THE PAMUN POST

## PRINS ALBERT TRAP DIEP SPORE

**Die jong katjie maak homself summier tuis in die groot motorfietsryer se arms, en dis moeilik om te sê wie dit die meeste geniet op hierdie ysige oggend by Bushman Valley in Prins Albert. KykNET se 1Spoor Avonture motorfietsspan het sowat 3000km afgelê van Fouriesburg tot Cape Agulhas – en wat sou dit nou gewees het sonder om die tog oor die majestueuse Swartbergpas aan te durf?**

Franswa Smit, saam met André de Villiers en Hans Strydom, het Prins Albert besoek om die dorpie se sjarme en die Swartbergpas vir hul tweede seisoen vas te vang. Die trio, elkeen op hul eie ikoniese motorfiets wat geborg is – Franswa op sy Suzuki VSTROM 1050 (DE) Dual Adventure “Samurai”, André op sy 1250 BMW “My 2x1”, en Hans op sy Honda Africa Twin 1100 DCT “Rooikat” – het die Swartbergpas se kronkelende grondpad met entoesiasme en vernuf aangepak.

Franswa, ’n hoërskoolonderwyser en stigter van MyBike Adventures & Touring (MBAT) en Motor Cycle Camping South Africa, het die visie vir 1 Spoor Avonture tydens die Covid-pandemie gekry. Sy doel? Om mense en motorfiets na dorpie te bring wat swaar getref is deur die pandemie, en hul stories te vertel. “Die horison is ’n magneet,” sê hy, en met 300 000 km op sy fiets, deel hy sy passie om kennis op te doen en te versprei. Sy liefde vir mense en plekke skyn deur in sy werk met MyBike Adventures & Touring, waar hy afgeleë gemeenskappe ondersteun.

Hy het met André de Villiers, beter bekend as André4x4, gesels oor die idee en gevra hoe hulle dit op die televisie kan kry. “Net as ek kan saamgaan,” was André se antwoord. “Ek het nie geweet André het ’n fiets nie,” lag Franswa. “Soos meeste mense het ek hom geken as André4x4. Maar André is vrot van die avontuur!” André, ’n meganiese ingenieur, praat amper poëties van die mens-masjien verhouding, en hoe hulle hoop die reeks help die stigma afbreek wat so dikwels met motorfietsry gepaard gaan. Aanhangers en avontuurlustiges kan ook uitsien na “In die spore van 1Spoor” – privaat toere wat die span hopelik binnekort gaan begin om mense langs hierdie selfde roete te begelei.

Hans Strydom, goeie vriend van Franswa en mede-eienaar van MBAT, voltooi hierdie hegte span. Hans, wie intussen sy hart op Prins Albert verloor het, is nou op die uitkyk vir sy eie stukkie van die Groot Karoo. “Hierdie plek praat net eenvoudig met my,” vertel hy. “Prins Albert is uniek en mooi instand gehou, en die mense is so vriendelik.” Dié wat Prins Albert ken verstaan maar al te goed hoe die plek sy spore diep in jou hart trap.

Die reeks se sukses is ook te danke aan die uitsonderlike filmspan, gelei deur filmregisseur Simoné Ross en kameramanne Etienne Naser en Dudley Joubert. Met jare se ervaring in die vervaardiging van programme soos Pasella, Top Billing en Kwela, bring hierdie bedryfsveterane wêreldklas professionaliteit en kreatiwiteit na die tafel toe. Sit agteroor en smul aan hierdie visuele fees wat vanaf 7 Oktober om 17h30 op kykNET uitgesaai sal word.







# MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear residents of Prince Albert,

Our town has been alive with activity and innovation over the past weeks, and I'm delighted to share some highlights that remind me why Prince Albert continues to capture hearts.

First, the filming of 1Spoor Avonture along the Swartberg Pass will showcase our rugged beauty to thousands of viewers later this year. Thanks to Franswa Smit, André de Villiers and Hans Strydom for celebrating our community on two wheels.

I am particularly excited about the first Local Drug Action Committee orientation workshop and subsequent committee member appointments. When we unite behind a shared cause, we tackle social challenges together.

We've broken ground on Prince Albert's first commercial pistachio orchard at Platberg Farm. This forward-thinking venture not only diversifies our economy but also cements our place on South Africa's agricultural map.

Meanwhile, our young performers in Leeu-Gamka – the Karoo Kokers – have turned a classroom programme into a community-wide celebration of song and dance.

Your voices matter. At every "Kuiers met die Mayor" session, open government forum and ward meeting, you steer our priorities. Whether it's paving Klaarstroom's last gravel roads, installing pre-paid water meters, strengthening waste-diversion with Polyco or adding CCTV in Noord-Einde, your ideas shape action.

Together, let's write the next chapter of Prince Albert's story—one of creativity, compassion and shared pride.

Warm regards,

*Linda Jaquet*  
Executive Mayor



## SEISMIC A LIVELY TOWN HALL MEETING SURVEY



On 21 July 2025, the Prince Albert Municipality hosted a vibrant town hall meeting at The Showroom Theatre in Prince Albert to discuss the Karoo Geophysical Research Project Seismic Survey, led by the Petroleum Agency SA (PASA) and Wits University. The event drew over 70 residents from Prince Albert and Leeu-Gamka and provided a platform for robust dialogue on the proposed seismic survey research, its environmental assessment process, and its potential impacts on the Central Karoo.

The programme featured a panel, including Mr Donovan Henning, lead Environmental Practitioner from Nemai Consulting, Professor Musa Manzi, Technical Lead and Director of the Wits Seismic Research Center, and Dr Michael Westgate, a researcher with expertise in reflection seismology from Wits University and Uppsala University. Dr Mimi Mokoale from PASA answered some tough questions from the audience with such warmth and expertise that it even elicited an applause.

The discussion was candid, with a lively and constructive Q&A session. Residents raised questions about environmental risks, water usage and economic implications. And although it wasn't the scope of the conversation, concerns about hydraulic fracturing and its effects on local agriculture and tourism were expertly addressed.

On the question of whether potential future fracking would be abandoned if this initial seismic survey doesn't take place, Prof Manzi commented that gathering data and being informed is always a good thing. We currently know very little about the geological sub-structure of the Karoo, and taking into consideration that a big earthquake was recorded some years ago, it can only be a good thing to know more about its seismic activity. For all we know, this survey might prove the area unfit for fracking.

Irrespective of what the outcome of the survey will be, community consultation would remain central to any future steps, with strict adherence to environmental regulations. The meeting concluded with a commitment to ongoing public engagement.



# NUWE WATERMETERS BAIE VOORDELE

Oud skoolhoof, mnr Sammy Delpor, het onlangs gebruik gemaak van die munisipaliteit se aanbod om nuwe voorafbetaalde watermeters gratis te installeer. Vir hom was die keuse maklik. Mens is nie altyd by die huis wanneer die span die meters moet lees nie en dan word 'n skatting gemaak. Met die nuwe meters word skatting en lesings uitgeskakel.

“Toe ek die uitnodiging van die munisipaliteit sien het ek onmiddellik aansoek gedoen. Mens kan altyd versekerd wees dat dit goedkoper uitwerk. Toe hulle klaar die installasie gedoen het het hulle gesê ek moet so R10 se water opsit. Ek dog toe dis bietjie min en koop toe R20 se waarde. Tot my verbasing kry ek 2900 liter water vir R20, oorgenoeg vir 'n huishouding. Die stelsel leer mens om water spaarsamig te gebruik en nie te mors nie. Ek sou enige een aanbeveel om gebruik te maak van die munisipaliteit se aanbod om die meters gratis te installeer en die voordele te begin geniet. Ons sien die verskil baie duidelik in ons beursies.”

Mnr Delpor het ook gesê dat die hele proses uiters professioneel hanteer was, vanaf sy aansoek by die tegniese afdeling, tot die installasie van die meter. “Ek moet die munisipaliteit applous gee vir hulle professionaliteit, vriendelikheid en behulpsaamheid deur die hele proses. Ook die vakmanskap is van uiters goeie gehalte. Myn insiens moet elkeen in Prins Albert wat ernstig is daarvoor om geld te spaar, en water te spaar, gebruik maak van hierdie aanbod. Dis 'n wen-wen vir almal.”



## Installation of pre-paid water meters and the process flow

### What is the pre-paid water meter project?

The pre-paid water meter project is an initiative to replace traditional water meters with pre-payment type water meters, which will help the customer to monitor and manage their water usage daily and save them money.

### What are pre-paid meters, and how do they work?

Pre-paid water meters are digital devices that accurately measure and monitor water usage, just like electricity meters. They help residents to manage usage of water better. The customer purchases water units in advance, and once the units are finished, the customer must top-up.

### How do I purchase water units?

Once your meter has been installed you will be provided with the meter number and the keypad digital device which will be used to enter all the tokens of pre-paid water units that has been purchased. Units can be purchased from online vendors like Prepaid24 (electricity.co.za), local vendors like Spar, Usave, the Municipality, as well as banking apps.

### How do I load my units on the meter?

Once you have purchased the units, you must load the digits on your digital keypad. The meter will show ACCEPTED, then the units will reflect on your keypad screen.

Application forms are available at the Municipal office in Prince Albert, or contact the Director: Technical Services, Mr Zolile Nongene at 023 5411 320 or via e-mail at [zolile@pamun.gov.za](mailto:zolile@pamun.gov.za)



## MESSAGE FROM THE MM

Dear residents,

Since stepping into the Municipal Manager's office, I've witnessed remarkable progress across our network of services. At Leeu-Gamka, construction of the 1 megalitre reservoir is well underway, which will safeguard our supply through Karoo droughts and finally retire the bucket system in Welgemoed-Noord.

We also continue rolling out pre-paid water meters, giving homeowners real-time control over consumption and protecting budgets. Mr Delpor's feedback reminds us that saving water and money can be as simple as topping up R20 for 2 900 litres.

Our new waste-sorting containers – funded in partnership with Polycor and the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs – will empower community-run recycling hubs in all three towns. We're also tackling illegal dumping through a structured collection schedule and by-law enforcement teams.

Infrastructure upgrades are in full swing. Klaarstroom's final unpaved roads will be surfaced by the end of August, eliminating dust and improving storm-water control.

The Joint Municipal Planning Tribunal has convened to fast-track land-use applications, and our building application department stands ready to guide every homeowner through plan approvals.

I thank every department and volunteer whose diligence transforms plans into progress. With your continued collaboration, we will deliver sustainable services that honour Prince Albert's heritage and support its promising future.

Sincerely,

*Thys Giliomee*  
Municipal Manager





# PRINCE ALBERT'S PISTACHIO PIONEERS

**On a crisp Karoo morning, Mayor Linda Jaquet planted the first female pistachio tree at Platberg Farm, just outside Prince Albert, launching the town's first commercial pistachio venture.**

This historic moment is driven by the vision of investors and entrepreneurs Gerrit van Zyl and Piet Malan who have been partners for more than 30 years, coupled with the technical expertise of Ferdi Ungerer from HortAfrique, and Reinhard Botes, who brings local technical knowledge and irrigation expertise to the table. "This venture weaves innovation, sustainability and economic promise into the fabric of the Great Karoo, positioning Prince Albert as a trailblazer in South Africa's growing pistachio industry," says Linda.

Pistachio trees, or *Pistacia vera*, are dioecious, with distinct male and female trees. The female trees produce the prized nuts, while male trees supply the pollen, with a typical ratio of one male to every 8-10 female trees, which ensures wind-driven pollination. The Clone 2 rootstock, selected for its vigour and cold resistance, anchors these trees in Prince Albert's well-drained, alkaline soils, perfectly suited to the Karoo's scorching summers and frosty winters. Three main cultivars were planted, Shufra, Ariyeh and Sirora, with 5500 trees planted and a further 20,000 trees scheduled for the 2026 season, with much of the infrastructure development already done. Soil preparation will start in the fourth quarter of 2025.

Rigorous research has confirmed Prince Albert's environment as ideal for pistachios, mirroring conditions in global powerhouses like California, Iran and Turkey. The trees' drought-resistant nature thrives in this semi-arid region, bolstered by Platberg Farm's advanced irrigation systems. The farm boasts infrastructure like solar power, robust fencing and plans for vast hectares of trees alongside a production facility signal a bold vision. Successful trial runs have cemented confidence, proving pistachios can flourish here, much like in Prieska, where South Africa's pistachio industry first took root.

Job opportunities are already sprouting in orchard development and infrastructure, with more to bloom when trees reach full production in 8-10 years. With South Africa consuming 150-200 tons of pistachios annually but producing just 10% locally, Platberg's harvest could feed both domestic and global markets, elevating Prince Albert as a vibrant player in agriculture. Projects like these remind us that our small town continues to attract innovative thinkers who combine science with opportunity, creating lasting economic benefits for our residents.





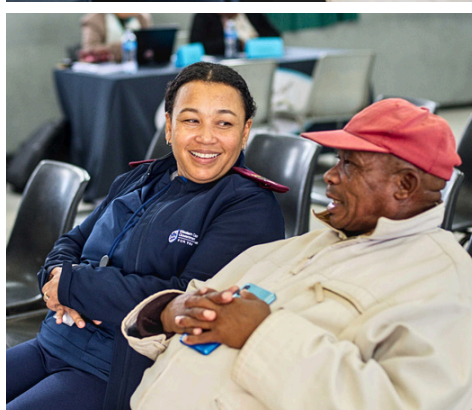
# TROTSE NUWE HUISEIENAARS

Daar was groot opgewondenheid en dankbaarheid op 1 Julie toe die munisipaliteit 'n beduidende titelakte oorhandiging seremonie by die Leeu Gamka Gemeenskapsaal aangebied het. Hierdie hartlike geleentheid het 'n mylpaal gemerk toe wettige eiendomsreg amptelik aan begunstigdes oorgedra is, wat sekuriteit, trots en 'n beter toekoms vir die gemeenskap verteenwoordig.

Uitvoerende burgemeester Linda Jaquet het gaste hartlik verwelkom en beklemtoon hoe belangrik titelaktes is om eienaarskap te bevestig, regte te beskerm en geskille te voorkom. Die seremonie het uitgelig hoe hierdie dokumente families beveilig, veral in landelike en voorheen benadeelde gebiede, en verseker dat eiendom wettig aan erfgename oorgedra kan word. Me Sarah Kleinhans van die Prins Albert Landdroshof het 'n baie insiggewende inligtingsessie rondom titelaktes aangebied wat deur 'n vroeë en antwoord geleentheid gevolg is. Amptenare het ook gehelp met die invul van dokumentasie. Die atmosfeer was gemoedelik en inwoners het hulle waardering vir die munisipaliteit se leiding uitgespreek.

Net daarna was dit die maandelikse "Kuier met die Mayor" waar inwoners hulle idees, griewe en bekommernisse vrylik deel met die burgemeester, munisipale bestuurder, raadslede, amptenare en verteenwoordigers van verskeie regeringsdepartemente. Van infrastruktuurbehoefte tot innoverende voorstelle, het die oop dialoog 'n gevoel van samehorigheid bevorder.

Hierdie geleentheid onderstreep die munisipaliteit se toewyding aan bemagtiging en deursigtigheid. Terwyl die gemeenskap vorentoe kyk, belowe sulke inisiatiewe voortgesette vooruitgang.





# ONWARD AND FORWARD

## INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES FOR LEEU-GAMKA AND KLAARSTROOM



**Councillors recently conducted oversight visits to Klaarstroom and Leeu-Gamka, which showcases significant infrastructure advancements in these towns. The visits underscored the Municipality's commitment to improving quality of life through strategic development projects, aligning with its vision of high-quality service delivery.**

A historic milestone is on the horizon for Klaarstroom as the Municipality nears completion of paving the town's last remaining unpaved gravel roads. This project, funded through national infrastructure grants and Municipal co-funding, will make Klaarstroom one of a few rural towns in the Western Cape boasting a road network consisting of 100% surfaced roads.

The initiative addresses long-standing challenges of dust, accessibility and storm water control — particularly during heavy rains. The project, overseen by the Municipal engineering team, is expected to be completed during August 2026. It provided employment opportunities to local residents for several months. Mayor Jaquet highlighted the project's role in enhancing infrastructure to improve residents' quality of life and the town's appeal as a tourism destination, complementing Klaarstroom's historic charm and proximity to Meiringspoort.



In Leeu-Gamka, the second phase of upgrading water and sanitation infrastructure is progressing steadily, with construction underway for a 1-megalitre reservoir. This phase follows the upgrading of the water treatment plant to enhance water quality. The additional reservoir will increase the town's water storage capacity, ensuring a more reliable supply for its residents, particularly during dry seasons when boreholes are under strain.

The project, funded by the Department of Water and Sanitation, addresses Leeu-Gamka's reliance on limited borehole resources. The second phase is on track for completion by early 2026. During the visit, Councillors inspected the construction site and commended the project team for their efficiency and the municipality's focus on sustainable development.

We encourage residents to stay engaged through our municipal Facebook page, official website ([www.pamun.gov.za](http://www.pamun.gov.za)) and upcoming ward meetings, to contribute to shaping the future of our beautiful towns.





# ONS KAROO KINDERS KOOK!



**Op 18 Junie het die Leeu-Gamka-gemeenskap gebruis van opwinding toe die Karoo Kokers, 'n talentvolle jeuggroep wat deur die Prince Albert Gemeenskapstrust (PACT) opgelei is, 'n lewendige konsert by die Leeu-Gamka Gemeenskapsaal aangebied het.**

Daar was nie plek vir 'n muis nie, en die geleentheid was vol energie wat ieder en elk se harte en ritme aangeraak het met sang, dans en verhoogoptredes. Uitvoerende burgemeester, Linda Jaquet, was ook deel van die gehoor wat die span se hope talent geniet het.

Die Karoo Kokers het ontstaan uit 'n ses-maande lange PACT-opleidingsprogram onder leiding van uitvoerende trustee Ingrid Wolfaardt. Ter voorbereiding vir die 2025 Journey to Jazz Fees het hierdie groep vaardighede in gasvryheid, geleentheidsbestuur en lewensvaardighede geslup.

"Ons het gefokus op werksetiek, stiptelikheid en om ambassadeurs vir die dorpe van Prince Albert, Leeu-Gamka en Klaarstroom te wees," sê Ingrid. "Dit gaan daaroor om jou handelsmerk te leef, daardie waardes wat jy aan ander oordra."

In Leeu-Gamka funksioneer PACT vanuit 'n vertrek in die Primêre skool se koshuis en bied elke weeksdag middag klasse aan, wat insluit dans, huiswerkondersteuning en kuns klasse met Elcado Blom.

Wat hierdie groep besonders maak is dat hulle hierdie inisiatief, en hulle Journey to Jazz opleiding, een honderd persent hulle eie gemaak het. Hulle dryf dit, bestuur dit en daag elke dag op vir dit. "Hulle toewyding is inspirerend," vertel Ingrid.

Hierdie konsert getuig van hulle groei en inisiatief. Optredes het gewissel van sielvolle sang tot dinamiese danse, en hulle selfvertroue het gestraal. Die geleentheid het nie net hul talent uitgelig nie, maar ook PACT se missie om jeug te bemagtig en gemeenskapstrots te bevorder.

"Hierdie konsert was 'n bewys van wat hierdie jongmense kan bereik," sê Linda Jaquet. "Hulle is nie net kunstenaars nie—hulle is leiers wat Leeu-Gamka se toekoms vorm."







# REVIVING OUR NATURAL HERITAGE

**In the heart of the Karoo, part of Prince Albert's unique charm lies in its rugged landscapes and vibrant biodiversity. Municipal Manager, Adv Thys Giliomee, has teamed up with local botanist Dr Sue Milton-Dean of Renu-Karoo to embark on an inspiring mission: to replace invasive plants and trees in public spaces in our town with indigenous species that define our region's ecological heritage.**

This initiative is not merely a replacement effort –it's about celebrating what makes Prince Albert special and ensuring a sustainable future for our environment and tourism-based economy. Invasive plants, like the Mexican agave, introduced a century ago to combat erosion, have become a problem.

Declared alien under South Africa's Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act, agaves require permits for planting—permits rarely granted due to their ecological impact. Their dense root systems and prolific baby plants disrupt the soil, while their thorns harm livestock, as seen when a local farmer lost sheep to bacterial infections from cactus pricks.

Similarly, pale cacti along Die Gang near the blueberry farm have ensnared birds. There are no natural predators to keep these invasive species in check. Even familiar garden plants like Africanas (Mexican marigolds) and European hollyhocks, while pretty, lack the ecological balance provided by local flora, leaving our insects and birds without their natural partners.

Sue Milton-Dean, a passionate advocate for Karoo biodiversity, explains why this matters: "Our fauna doesn't understand invasive plants.

They don't support the insects or birds that keep ecosystems in balance. To counter this, Sue has introduced a specialised fungus from Rhodes University's biocontrol department to weaken invasive cacti by sapping their vitality – a process that may take a decade but promises lasting results.

Meanwhile, the Municipality is replacing these invaders with plants indigenous to Prince Albert, like those at the e-Centre, which are not just native to the Karoo but unique to our town.

Imagine strolling through Prince Albert, shaded by a Rooi Karee, an evergreen with no thorns, perfect for cooling courtyards. Or the Soetdoring, a fast-growing tree with striking white thorns, offering shade with minimal water.

The drought-tolerant Worsboom, shedding leaves only once a year, and the vibrant Boerboon, with its bird-attracting red flowers, are hardy choices that embody our region's resilience. These plants don't just survive—they thrive, supporting local wildlife and showcasing the Karoo's unique beauty to tourists.

We invite every resident to join this movement. Transform your garden into a proudly Prince Albert space by choosing local indigenous plants. Not only will you save water and support biodiversity, but you'll also help our town stand out as a beacon of Karoo authenticity.

For advice, contact Sue Milton-Dean at Renu-Karoo Veld Restoration at +2782 770 0206 or email [renukaroo@gmail.com](mailto:renukaroo@gmail.com). Let's make Prince Albert a living celebration of its natural heritage—one tree and plant at a time.





# PLEDGE NOW & PLANT LATER

## Support the 1-Million tree campaign

Indigenous pioneer species forests are life! Forests are the most productive, self-sustaining, terrestrial ecosystems on Earth. They also require little maintenance once established.

## About the Campaign

The Western Cape Pledge-Trees-Now-&-Plant-Later Campaign, is a major forest restoration programme in support of the National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment National Greening Programme Goal, of planting 1-Million trees over five years.

## Our Goal

Our goal is to restore forests across the Western Cape, by planting indigenous species, to help mitigate the effects of climate change and biodiversity loss. Help us reach our goal and please pledge to help restore our forests today! Pledge now (in 2025) by completing the [Pledge Form on this link](#) and continue to plant up until 2028 (plant-later).

## Why are we doing this?

Trees improve people's lives – produce oxygen, filter the air and water, prevent soil erosion, help curb climate change, provide habitat for wildlife and offer economic benefits. However, around the world forests are being cut at alarming rates to the point where these ecosystems have lost the ability to provide the benefits we rely on.

## Your Contribution

Forest restoration can help increase the capacity to store harmful emissions that cause climate change. You can help restore South Africa's forests in a way that ensures their long-term survival while benefiting people, nature and the climate.



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# KAMERA VERSTERK VEILIGHEID IN NOORD-EINDE



Op 30 Junie 2025 het die Prince Albert Munisipaliteit 'n kragtige stap geneem om gemeenskapsveiligheid te verbeter deur 'n moderne sekuriteitskamera in Tortelduifstraat, Noord-Einde, te installeer, 'n gebied wat met stygende misdaad worstel. In samewerking met Smhart Security, 'n betroubare Suid-Afrikaanse sekuriteitsverskaffer, beoog die munisipaliteit om onwettige aktiwiteite te ontmoedig en gemoedsrus vir inwoners te herstel. Die kamera, toegerus met gevorderde toesigtegnologie soos nommerplaat-herkenning, verteenwoordig 'n beduidende belegging in die gemeenskap se welstand.

Burgemeester Linda Jaquet, raadslede en munisipale amptenare, was teenwoordig tydens die installasie wat met entoesiasme deur inwoners ontvang is. "Hierdie kamera is meer as net tegnologie, dit is ons verbintenis om veiligheid vir almal te verseker," sê Jaquet. "Ons wil hê Noord-Einde moet 'n plek wees waar gesinne veilig voel en floreer." Haar woorde het aanklank gevind by plaaslike inwoners wat lankal na verandering smag.

Smhart Security se kundigheid, bekend vir vinnige reaksie en voerpuntstelsels, verseker dat die kamera as 'n sterk afskrikmiddel sal dien, met intydse monitoring wat vinnige optrede moontlik maak. Hierdie inisiatief, gesteun deur Smhart se bewese tegnologie, onderstreep Prince Albert Munisipaliteit se toewyding om 'n veiliger, gelukkiger gemeenskap te skep.



Mnr Hendrik Kellerman is vereer met 'n 35-jaar dienssertifikaat vir sy onwrikbare toewyding aan die gemeenskap van Prins Albert. As toesighouerbestuurder van die riooltrok lewer hy uitsonderlike diens met betroubaarheid. Sy langdurige verbintenis en harde werk is 'n inspirasie vir almal.

## NUWE GELEENTHEID VIR KLAARSTROOM



Die beplanning was noukeurig, die opgewondenheid groot – en uiteindelik het die dag aangebreek. Poort Pourri Padstal is oop vir die publiek om nie net heerlike kos te geniet nie, maar ook die warmte en vriendelikheid waarvoor Klaarstroom se mense bekend is. Burgemeester Linda Jaquet het die opening waargeneem waartydens gaste heerlike koffie en tuisgebak geniet het. Pragtige skilderye en houtwerk deur plaaslike kunstenaars is ook te koop. Die padstal is oop elke Maandag to Saterdag van 09h00 – 17h00. Kontak gerus vir Fileca Pienaar by 084 050 3609 of vir Veronica by 079 531 4440.







## TAKING RECYCLING TO THE NEXT LEVEL

We're thrilled to announce our partnership with Polycor and the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning to transform waste management in our communities.

We received three state-of-the-art containers for our three towns to house machinery for sorting and baling recyclables. These materials will either be sold or transformed into new products, giving waste a second life.

This project will help our goal of landfill diversion – redirecting waste away from landfills to reduce environmental harm, conserve space and minimise pollution – while turning waste into opportunity. This initiative will be entirely run by the community, with the Municipality offering support and permits for “landfill site mining”.

A huge shout-out to Dr Sue Dean from Renu Karoo, Mr Zolile Nongene and Geneva Botes from the Prince Albert Municipality, the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, and Polycor for their tireless efforts in this initiative. Their dedication is helping us build a circular economy right here in Prince Albert Municipality.



## FIRST LDAC FOR PRINCE ALBERT

On 24 July 2025 the Prince Albert Municipality hosted a highly successful Local Drug Action Committee (LDAC) Orientation Workshop to tackle substance abuse. Facilitated by Chantelle Pepper, Chairperson of the Western Cape Provincial Substance Abuse Forum (PSAF), the workshop attracted a diverse group of stakeholders eager to collaborate.

“The number of people that came together for today’s event is evidence of a passionate community, but also of hands-on and dedicated leadership,” said Pepper. She explained that the LDAC is a platform for the community to engage in a real and meaningful way, and to be plugged into a global support network while enjoying the backing of the Municipality in a supporting role.

Executive Mayor Linda Jaquet chaired the meeting, with Municipal Manager Adv Thys Giliomee, councillors, officials and stakeholders from various spheres in attendance. Pepper led an insightful session, covering the legislative mandate under the Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Act, LDAC functions and integration with the PSAF and National Drug Master Plan. She also highlighted best practices from other municipalities.

A significant outcome was the formal establishment and presentation of the Prince Albert LDAC, marking a committed step toward coordinated action. This workshop underscores Prince Albert’s proactive stance against substance abuse, driven by poverty and unemployment. Residents are encouraged to engage with this initiative for a healthier, united community.



## EMPOWERING SMMEs

The Prince Albert Municipality, in collaboration with the Community Development Workers (CDW) Office, successfully hosted two Information and Services Sessions aimed at empowering SMMEs, NPOs, Co-operatives and informal traders. These sessions were held in Prince Albert and Leeu-Gamka, drawing active participation from local community members and a wide range of stakeholders.

Key partners included SEDFA, SARS, the IEC, MISA, the Central Karoo District Municipality (CKDM), the Department of Agriculture, Community Development Workers Office and the Prince Albert Municipality – each contributing significantly to the success of these informative engagements.

The sessions served as vital platforms for networking, knowledge-sharing, and access to essential government and support services, playing an important role in strengthening local economic development and community empowerment.





# TEGNIES GESPROKE

MNR DANVOR SARELSE VERDUIDELIK



**Prins Albert, wat rustig aan die voet van die Swartberge lê, is wyd bekend as die juweel van die Karoo. Tog bedreig onwettige storting die bekoring van ons mooi dorp.**

Prins Albert se ryk erfenis, skoon strate en vredevolle atmosfeer het dit lankal 'n voorkeurplek vir besoekers en 'n bron van trots vir inwoners gemaak. Met 'n ekonomie wat afhanklik is van toerisme en talle gastehuse wat die dorp se unieke karakter weerspieël, was die belang nog nooit so groot nie. Tog word hierdie skoonheid besoedel en bedreig deur 'n groeiende krisis—onwettige storting.

## Verstaan die probleem

Onwettige storting is nie net onooglik nie. Dit hou 'n werklike omgewingsbedreiging in, ondermyn openbare gesondheid en beskadig die reputasie van ons gemeenskap. Die afval wat onwettig gestort word, sluit in tuinafval, bourommel, huishoudelike vullis en selfs dooie diere. Oordragstasies, wat aanvanklik slegs vir die verwydering van tuinafval ingestel is, het al hoe meer brandpunte vir onvanpaste en gevaarlike storting geword.

## Huidige afval-landskap

Prins Albert bedryf tans nege oordragstasies, en ongelukkig het sewe onwettige stortingsterreine ook in Noord- en Suid-Einde ontstaan. Leeu-Gamka ondervind soortgelyke druk, met dertien terreine geïdentifiseer in Bitterwater en twee in die Transnet-gebied. Klaarstroom, daarenteen, bly goed onderhou, met nege oordragstasies en minimale onwettige aktiwiteit—danksy die samewerking tussen die munisipaliteit en CWP-spanne.

## Hoe onwettige storting begin

Onwettige storting spruit dikwels uit:

- Individue wat op geskeduleerde versamelingsdae deur vullissakke krap vir waardevolle items.
- Tuinwerk of huis skoonmaak wat lei tot kruwa-ladings wat by stasies gestort word.
- Kontrakteurs wat onverantwoordelik bouafval verwyder.
- Inwoners wat onwillig is om vir amptelike versamelingsdae te wag.
- Spaza-winkels, veral oor naweke, dra aansienlik by tot afvalvolumes.



## Gevolge vir ons dorp

Hierdie aksies het ernstige nagevolge:

- Omgewingsagteruitgang
- Gesondheidsgevaar, veral waar dierekarkasse betrokke is
- Ekonomiese risiko vir Prins Albert se toerisme-reputasie
- Sosiale skade, met berigte van kinders wat weggegooide kos uit vullisdromme eet

Om inwoners te help en orde te handhaaf, bied Prins Albert munisipaliteit gestruktureerde afvalversamelingsdienste aan:

**Maandag: Suid-Einde**

**Dinsdag: Noord-Einde en Leeu Gamka**

**Woensdag: Besighede**

**Donderdag: Prins Albert-pad en Klaarstroom**

**Vrydag: Straatvullisdromme**

Daarbenewens is 'n tuinafval-verwyderingsdiens beskikbaar vir bespreking by 082 220 8848.

## Beroep op die gemeenskap

Inwoners en sake-eienaars word versoek om:

- Voorvalle van onwettige storting te rapporteer, veral die verwydering van dooie diere
- Te verseker dat huishoudelike afval via amptelike dienste versamel word
- Striktelik by die versamelingsskedule te hou
- Tuinafval-verwydering te bespreek eerder as om self te stort
- Kontrakteurs moet gebruik maak van die aangewese stortingsterrein—nie oordragstasies nie

Skoonheid-risiko-assessering per gebied

- Prins Albert: Hoë risiko
- Leeu Gamka: Hoë risiko
- Klaarstroom: Lae risiko

Deur saam te werk, kan ons die waardigheid, gesondheid en karakter van Prins Albert en sy buurgemeenskappe handhaaf. Laat ons ons verbind tot verantwoordelike afvalpraktyke en verseker dat ons dorp vir geslagte lank 'n juweel in die Karoo bly.



## 67 MINUTES FOR GOOD

On Friday, 18 July 2025, the Municipality, in partnership with the Community Development Workers (CDW) Office and the Wolvekraal Nature Reserve, hosted a community event focused on environmental education and heritage to honour Nelson Mandela. The day included planting succulents and an informative talk by Dr Sue Dean-Milton.

The library team marked the occasion by picking up litter with children from Kweekvallei Kollege and distributing jerseys knitted by residents of Huis Kweekvallei Old Age Home.

These initiatives built on the successful anti-litter campaign on 11 June, which raised awareness about the importance of keeping our environment clean.



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# BUILDING GUIDELINES

## WHY APPROVAL MATTERS

**Our community cherishes its unique Karoo charm, and many of us are eager to enhance our properties with new structures or renovations. However, a common misunderstanding exists that some building projects might not require municipal permission.**

While minor works may have some leniency, most construction—whether a new home, extension, or small shed—must comply with the Prince Albert Municipality's guidelines and South Africa's National Building Regulations and Building Standards Act. Let's explore why compliance is vital and how to navigate the process smoothly.

The National Building Regulations and Building Standards Act 103 of 1977 requires building plans to be submitted for approval before construction begins. This ensures structures are safe, sustainable, and in harmony with our town's iconic Cape Dutch, Victorian, and Prince Albert gable architecture.



Local by-laws may vary slightly depending on zoning, but building regulations generally apply across residential and other properties. Minor works, like a small braai area or carport, might not need full plans, but you must notify the municipality and confirm exemptions in writing to avoid penalties, such as fines or demolition of unapproved structures.

For formal projects, plans must include details from a SACAP-registered draughtsman, floor plans, elevations, roof structures (complying with SANS 10407 for thatched roofs), electrical layouts, sewage plans with energy calculations, and a zoning certificate.

For buildings over 60 years old, a permit from Western Cape Heritage and comments from the Prince Albert Cultural Foundation (PACF) are required. Even minor changes, like boundary walls (1.6m at street frontages, 1.8m at sides/rear), relocating windows, or adding a fish pond, need prior approval.

Construction requires seven inspections, booked 48 hours in advance, from foundation excavation to final checks. Upon completion, an Occupancy Certificate is issued after submitting beetle, glazing, gas, electricity, plumbing, and engineering certificates (for double-storey structures, pools, or patios). Non-compliance can lead to legal and financial issues for you and future owners.

You can submit plans online at <https://westerncapecollaboratoronline.com/> and access forms at <https://www.pamun.gov.za/resource-category/application-forms>.

Ensure worker toilets are provided, use SABS-compliant materials, clear debris within seven days, and avoid work after 18:00 or on Sundays without permission. Approved plans expire after 12 months if construction doesn't start.

Contact our building application department at 023 5411 014/036 for guidance. Let's build responsibly, preserving Prince Albert's beauty for all.

## FIRST JOINT MUNICIPAL PLANNING TRIBUNAL

The Joint Municipal Planning Tribunal (JMPT), a shared decision-making body, was established by Prince Albert and Laingsburg municipalities to streamline land development and land use decisions. Authorised by Section 34(1) of SPLUMA (Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act), the JMPT was formalised through an agreement signed in August 2023.

Comprising town planners, engineers, and officials from both municipalities, the Municipal Infrastructure Support Agent (MISA), and the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEADP), the JMPT ensures efficient evaluation of applications.



To address financial and capacity constraints, each municipality will engage its own legal advisers when needed. The JMPT held its inaugural meeting on 12 June 2025 in Prince Albert, addressing four Category 1 and opposed Category 2 applications, all from Prince Albert Municipality. The tribunal is tasked with making fair, informed decisions to support sustainable development across the region.

Looking ahead, the JMPT discussed the potential for virtual meetings to enhance accessibility and efficiency, with plans to explore this option in the future. This collaborative initiative marks a significant step towards coordinated planning and development for both municipalities.







DONDERDAG  
14 AUGUSTUS 2025  
15h30 - 17h00  
KLAARSTROOM  
Gemeenskapsaal

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## KUIER MET DIE MAYOR KOM ONS PRAAT

- Burgemeester Linda Jaquet nooi u uit na die Oop Regeringssessies 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

## BELANGRIKE NOMMERS

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SAPS Prince Albert **023 541 8000**

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