

# THE PAMUN POST

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## SOUTH-END STREET NUMBERING WILL BE RESOLVED

Big changes are coming to South End

The Prince Albert Municipal Planning and Development Unit has confirmed that a new street name and numbering system will soon be rolled out in the area, forming part of Council's drive to modernise infrastructure and lift the standard of community services.

### Why the Change?

The current system has reached its limits. Residents, visitors, and service providers have struggled with:

1. **Confusion & Inconsistency** – Outdated numbers make it hard to find addresses.
2. **Emergency Response Delays** – Ambulances, SAPS and Fire need clear, logical numbers to save time when seconds count.
3. **Duplicate Street Names** – Several streets share identical or very similar names, causing mix-ups.
4. **Multiple Names for One Street** – Some roads are known by more than one name, creating clashes in municipal records and GPS systems.
5. **Future Growth** – The new system aligns South End with long-term urban planning and development goals.

### How Will It Happen?

The project will be implemented in three clear phases:

**Phase 1: Survey & Mapping** – Every street in South End will be mapped and verified.

**Phase 2: New Signage** – Installation of new street name boards and house numbers.

**Phase 3: Public Awareness** – The Municipality will run an information campaign to guide residents and businesses through the change.

### What Does This Mean for You?

Residents	Businesses	Community Services
Update your address with banks, schools, medical aid, Home Affairs, etc.	Revise signage, letterheads, websites, Google Maps listings, and all official records.	Post Office, couriers, and deliveries will benefit from faster, accurate navigation.

### Next Steps for South End

1. **Wait for notification** of your new street number once Phase 2 is complete.
2. **Update your records** – personal and business – as soon as you receive confirmation.
3. **Give feedback** – Report any issues or queries to the Planning & Development

### Commitment to a Safer, Smarter Town

Director for Corporate and Community Services, Ms G. Harding, says: *“The introduction of new street numbers in Prince Albert’s South End is a vital step toward improving safety, efficiency, and accessibility for all residents. This initiative reflects our commitment to modern infrastructure and responsive community services, ensuring that Prince Albert continues to grow in a well-organized and sustainable way.”*

**Change can be inconvenient, but clear addresses save lives, cut delivery times, and prepare South End for the future.**

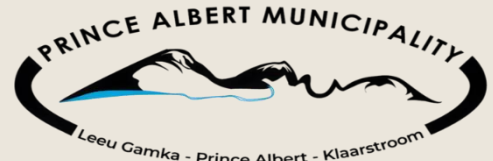
We thank residents and business owners in advance for their cooperation.

For queries, contact the Planning & Development Unit at Prince Albert Municipality.



Prince Albert Municipality  
Planning & Development

## MUNICIPAL LOGO GET A FACE LIFT



**Community input** has been taken into account; the New Municipal Logo was discussed by the Council during the Strategic session and approved during the March 2026 Special Council Meeting.

The Council would like to thank **Ethan Martin** very much because he once again helped us to design the new Logo and to make the recommend changes. He is truly a person who is willing to use his knowledge and ability and give back to his community.

He provided his service to the municipality free of charge without expecting any payment. We want to encourage the community to make use of his service and support him.

**Thank you very much Ethan, we appreciate you.**

## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



### THANK YOU FOR PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST

Over the past weeks, we have taken our Draft IDP and Budget on the road to every ward in Prince Albert, Leeu-Gamka and Klaarstroom. The Public Participation Roadshow is never easy. It means long nights, difficult questions, and listening with patience when frustrations run high. Yet you showed up – together.

#### To our Municipal Staff:

Thank you for your professionalism and dedication behind the scenes and on the ground. From Planning and Finance preparing the documents, to Corporate Services arranging venues, to Technical Services and Traffic managing logistics, to the teams who set up chairs and sound – you made it possible for our people to be heard. Your hard work is the engine of service delivery, and it does not go unnoticed.

#### To Council and Individual Councillors:

Thank you for your partnership. In a year where every political party is preparing for the upcoming elections, you chose political maturity over point-scoring. You stood together in halls and community centres, not as opponents, but as public servants. You listened more than you spoke.

**You helped explain difficult budget choices with honesty. You put people first.**

#### To all of us:

Public participation is the heartbeat of local government. The IDP and Budget are not Council's documents; they belong to the people. By prioritising service delivery in our engagements, we sent one clear message: **the needs of our citizens come before politics.**

I know the work we do is not always appreciated. Criticism is often louder than gratitude but leadership is not about applause. It is about showing up, especially when it is hard and you did.

As we now take the community's inputs and finalise the IDP and Budget, let us hold onto the spirit we saw on this roadshow: **respect, teamwork, and a shared commitment to serve.**

Prince Albert is stronger when we work together. Thank you for proving that again.

Let us continue to build a municipality where service delivery is prioritised, where people come first, and where we lead with dignity – even in election season.

**Baie dankie. Enkosi kakhulu. Thank you.**



## Tourism & Events Weekly

The Tourism & Events Weekly is a new initiative by the Municipality designed to keep tourism stakeholders and the broader community informed about what is happening in and around Prince Albert, Klaarstroom, and Leeu Gamka.

Each weekly edition is sent out via email and includes three key sections: upcoming local events, specials from local businesses, and a Tourism Spotlight featuring relevant news, trends, or interesting insights from the tourism sector. It provides a consistent and accessible way to share information, highlight local offerings, and support tourism activity in the area.

Businesses, organisations, and community groups are invited to contribute by submitting events, specials, or tourism-related content. To be included in the weekly edition, submissions must be sent in each week by Monday before 10:00.

To submit content or to join the mailing list, please email: [christellevz@pamun.gov.za](mailto:christellevz@pamun.gov.za)



16 - 22 March 2026



# Tourism & Events Weekly

- Prince Albert (PA)
- Klaarstroom (KL)
- Leeu Gamka (LG)



What is happening....  
Any specials?  
Tourism Spotlight!



## Message from the MM

### THANK YOU TO OUR STAFF: THE HEART OF SERVICE DELIVERY IN PRINCE ALBERT "A Place of Peace"

Celebrating Dedication as We Plan Ahead – IDP & Budget Consultation Process Underway

Service delivery does not happen by accident. It happens because men and women get up every day and choose to serve. From the teams fixing water leaks before sunrise, to Law Enforcement guiding pedestrians at new crossings, to Finance staff ensuring grants are spent correctly, to the cleaners keeping our streets neat for tourists – **Prince Albert runs because you run.**

As a Municipality, we want to pause and say **thank you**. Your hard work, long hours, and quiet dedication often go unseen, but they are felt in every working tap, every lit streetlight, every safe road, and every visitor who leaves our town saying, "What a neat, well-run place"

Tourism is our **economic lifeline, but service delivery is our social lifeline**. Without reliable water, refuse removal, roads, and public safety, there is no tourism, no business, no community pride. You are the hands and feet of Council's promise to our people.

### Planning the Way Forward Together: IDP & Budget Consultation

Good service delivery today depends on good planning yesterday. That is why the Municipality has now entered the **Integrated Development Plan (IDP) and Service Delivery & Budget Implementation Plan (SDBIP) Consultation Process** for the 2026/2027 financial year.

### What is the IDP & Budget Process?

1. **IDP = Our 5-Year Roadmap:** It captures the community's needs – from housing to roads to local economic development – and sets Council's strategic priorities.
2. **Budget = The Money Plan:** It aligns municipal funds to those priorities so we can deliver.
3. **SDBIP = The Delivery Plan:** It breaks the Budget into quarterly targets so we can measure performance and hold ourselves accountable.

### Why should staff care?

Because you implement the IDP. Every pothole filled, every invoice paid, every by-law enforced, every clinic supported – that is the IDP in action. When the community speaks in public meetings, they are shaping your workplan for the next year.

### We Need Your Voice Too

As internal champions of service delivery, your insight is critical. You know where the pipes are old. You know which areas need more streetlights. You know where processes can be faster. We therefore encourage all municipal staff to:

- i. Engage in the internal IDP departmental sessions over the coming weeks.
- ii. Submit inputs on service delivery challenges and practical solutions in your section.
- iii. Encourage residents during community meetings to participate – you are trusted voices in your neighbourhoods.

### Service Delivery is Teamwork

The community judges us not by our plans, but by our delivery. And delivery is only possible because of committed staff. From the General Workers to Directors – each role matters.

To every staff member: **Dankie. Enkosi. Thank you.** For the weekends sacrificed during pipe bursts. For the patience with difficult customers. For going the extra mile when resources are short. Prince Albert is better because you serve. Let's now take that same dedication into the IDP & Budget process. Let's plan well, so we can serve even better. **Together, we build a Prince Albert that works** – for all who live here, and all who visit

3 Plaaslike Yeboneers is aangestel as deel van die Yearbeyond Biblioteek Program.

## (Y)PRINCE ALBERT BIBLIOTEKE : YEBONEERS 2026

THUSONG BIB: PERCIVAL KOONTHEA



LEEU-GAMKA BIB: TAMMARYN KRUGER



KLAARSTROOM BIB: BRYONI PETOORS



Die YearBeyond-program 2026 is 'n voltydse jeugdiensinisiatief vir werklose Suid-Afrikaners van 18–25 jaar oud, wat betekenisvolle werkservaring, persoonlike ontwikkeling en gemeenskapsimpak bied.

Dit is 'n vennootskap tussen YearBeyond en Die Department van Kultuur, Sake en Sport se Biblioteek Dienste.

Dit is 'n nasionale jeugdiensinisiatief wat deur YeBo Institute NPC geïmplementeer word en deur die National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) ondersteun word. Dit verbind werklose jeugdiges met gestruktureerde diensplasinge in skole, vroeë kinderontwikkeling (ECD)-sentrums, biblioteke en gemeenskapsprogramme in die land.

Deelnemers, bekend as YeBoneers, wat 'n jaar in diens geneem word om professionele en persoonlike ontwikkelingservaring te bekom.



## A MEMORABLE KAROO DETOUR

In March, the area experienced exceptional rainfall, which led to the temporary closure of Meiringspoort and routes through the Swartberg mountains. In one extraordinary incident, several tourists were stranded in Meiringspoort overnight due to flooding and rockfalls.

Among those affected was a bus carrying 11 tourists from the United Kingdom, along with their tour guide and driver. Just before nightfall, the tourists and their guide were safely airlifted out of Meiringspoort to Klaarstroom, while the bus and driver remained in the poort overnight.

As this was a tourism-related incident, Garden Route and Karoo Tourism Safety Officer, Ilze Jacobs, was contacted to assist. She liaised with the tourism offices in Oudtshoorn and Prince Albert, where Corleen and Christelle helped coordinate onward arrangements for transport and accommodation in Prince Albert.

By early Saturday morning, the bus and driver were able to leave Meiringspoort safely. After breakfast in Prince Albert, the group continued their journey.

Municipal representatives, including the Mayor and Municipal Manager, remained available throughout the evening. With support from tourism safety, neighbouring tourism offices and local role-players, the visitors were able to reach Prince Albert safely, rest overnight and continue their journey the next morning with a memorable Karoo story to tell.



# Prince Albert Munisipaliteit

## Skills Development

Die **ontwikkeling en bemagtiging van amptenare** deur verskeie opleidings- en ontwikkelingsintervensies.

Tans neem verskeie amptenare deel aan betekenisvolle programme wat hul vaardighede en kwalifikasies versterk. Een van hierdie intervensies is die **ARPL-program in Elektrisiteit (Occupational Qualification)**, waaraan mnr. Ebrain Pieterse deelneem. Hierdie program strek oor 'n tydperk van drie jaar en dra by tot gespesialiseerde tegniese ontwikkeling.



Mnr. Jeptha de Wee is tans besig met die **Road Construction NQF Vlak 3**-kwalifikasie, wat na verwagting in Augustus 2026 voltooi sal word. Hierdie program het oor 'n tydperk van een jaar gestrek en fokus op die ontwikkeling van praktiese vaardighede in infrastruktuurontwikkeling.

Die volgende amptenare het onlangs hul **Water and Wastewater Supervision (NQF Vlak 4)**-kwalifikasie suksesvol voltooi:

- Selwyn Amsterdam
- Bradley Meintjies
- Vandross Constable

Hierdie prestasie is 'n bewys van hul toewyding en harde werk.



'n Besondere mylpaal vir die munisipaliteit is dat, vir die eerste keer in die geskiedenis, vier amptenare begin het om hul **Graad 12** te voltooi.

Dit is 'n inspirerende stap wat wys dat onderwys inderdaad die sleutel tot sukses is. Ons is uiters trots op hierdie amptenare wat hulself beywer om hul kwalifikasies te verbeter.



Arrelene Visage (SDF), Audrey Van der Ross, Abraham Kammies, Elchristo Solomons & Gavyne Richards

Ons wens alle amptenare wat tans besig is met hul formele studies en opleidingsprogramme baie sterkte toe. Die doel van die Skills Development-afdeling bly om te verseker dat alle amptenare oor die nodige kwalifikasies en vaardighede beskik om hul werk effektief en professioneel te verrig.

## Garden Route Giro brings gravel racing excitement to Prince Albert

Prince Albert was proud to welcome the inaugural **Garden Route Giro in April 2026**, as riders made their way into town after one of the race's most dramatic stages.

Stage 3 took riders from Calitzdorp to Prince Albert over 89 km, with the legendary Swartberg Pass forming the defining challenge of the day. After a demanding climb through one of South Africa's most iconic mountain passes, riders descended into the Great Karoo and finished in the historic town of Prince Albert.

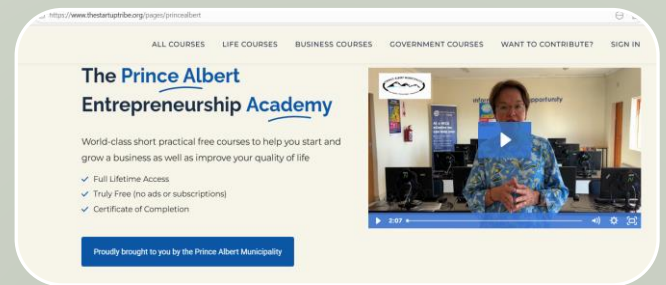
Around **300 riders**, support staff, safety officers and team managers spent the night in tents on the Swartberg High School rugby field before departing the following morning for Stage 4, from Prince Albert to De Rust.

**The event brought energy, visibility and excitement to the town, while showcasing Prince Albert as a memorable stop on a world-class gravel racing route through the Western Cape. We thank the organisers, local role-players and community members who helped welcome the Garden Route Giro to our area.**



Garden Route Giro 2026

## Prince Albert Entrepreneurship Academy



Whether you have a business idea you've been sitting on, a small business you want to grow, or you're between jobs and wondering what's next, Check out the Prince Albert Entrepreneur Academy.

These courses are free, practical, and designed for real life. Short enough to fit into your day. Useful enough to change your tomorrow.

If you don't have data or internet at home? No problem, with the support of the Western Cape Government, our libraries and E-Centre's in all three towns, you have **No excuse**.

**Training Programs include but is not limited to:**

- i. Starting a business & finding clients
- ii. Managing money & dealing with setbacks and farming and agriculture.
- iii.

Pick one course that interests you. That's all. Just start **there and off you go!**



Mr Jason Witbooi, a resident of Prince Albert taking full advantage of this opportunity



**BREAKING NEWS |** Government has announced that fuel prices will increase on Wednesday. Petrol price will go up by R3.27 per litre and diesel by R6.19 per litre.



Service Delivery can be impacted negatively with the increase of fuel prices, but we will try to be more efficient and work smart.

# Municipal Vacancies



Applications are invited from suitably qualified individuals who are competent, dedicated, and wish to work in a professional environment for this fixed-term contract appointment at Prince Albert Municipality.

**NOTICE 72/2026**  
**COMMUNICATIONS INTERN X 1**  
**FIXED-TERM CONTRACT APPOINTMENT**  
**(ONE YEAR)**  
**REMUNERATION: R 100 000,00 P.A**

Closing date: Friday 22 May 2026 at 15h00.

**GWYNNEFER HARDING**  
**ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER**  
**DATE: 29 APRIL 2026**



Applications are invited from suitably qualified individuals who are competent, dedicated, and wish to work in a professional environment for this permanent appointment at Prince Albert Municipality.

**NOTICE 67/2026**  
**MANAGER: FINANCIAL SERVICES**  
**PERMANENT POSITION**  
**REMUNERATION:**  
**T 15 OF A CATEGORY 1 MUNICIPALITY:**  
**R 572 376,60 – R 743 002,92 P.A + NORMAL FRINGE BENEFITS**

Closing date: Friday 22 May 2026 at 15h00.

**ADV. MATTHYS GILMEE**  
**MUNICIPAL MANAGER**  
**DATE: 10 APRIL 2026**

For detailed advertisements, please consult the municipal website at [www.pamun.gov.za](http://www.pamun.gov.za) or contact Mr Abridon Sass at [abridon@pamun.gov.za](mailto:abridon@pamun.gov.za).



Applications are invited from suitably qualified individuals who are competent, dedicated, and wish to work in a professional environment for this permanent appointment at Prince Albert Municipality.

**NOTICE 71/2026**  
**SNR PUBLIC RELATION OFFICER**  
**PERMANENT POSITION**  
**REMUNERATION:**  
**T 12 OF A CATEGORY 1 MUNICIPALITY:**  
**R 391 634,07 P.A + NORMAL FRINGE BENEFITS**

Closing date: Friday 22 May 2026 at 15h00

**ADV. MATTHYS GILMEE**  
**MUNICIPAL MANAGER**  
**DATE: 28 APRIL 2026**



Applications are invited from suitably qualified individuals who are competent, dedicated, and wish to work in a professional environment for this fixed-term contract appointment at Prince Albert Municipality.

**NOTICE: 70/2026**  
**FINANCIAL INTERN X 1**  
**FIXED-TERM CONTRACT APPOINTMENT**  
**(TWO YEARS)**  
**REMUNERATION: R108,000.00 P.A**

Closing date: Friday 15 May 2026 at 15h00

**GWYNNEFER HARDING**  
**ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER**  
**DATE: 24 APRIL 2026**

## Prince Albert Homework Hub

The Homework Hub is a community-based support initiative aimed at strengthening learners academically, while also providing support to teachers and the broader community. The project was officially launched and introduced as part of a broader effort to improve educational outcomes.



Mayor Jaquet with the Learners and Cornea Delport the Afrikaans Tutor

The main purpose of the project is to create a structured support space where learners can receive additional academic assistance in key subjects. The project promotes collaboration between schools, the community, and young role models to improve learner performance and address learning barriers.



Mayor Jaquet with the Learners & Jeniquin Goliath the Math's Tutor

Tutors were identified during a strategic workshop and mainly consist of former learners who excelled in key subjects, as well as education students. In addition to **academic support**, the project contributes to **job creation and skills development for young people, and serves as a bridge between education, community development, and economic empowerment.**

## Road Repair Works in Deurdrift Street



This photo shows the repair of potholes in Deur Drift Street. Due to the heavy rainfall experienced recently, both gravel and tar roads have deteriorated significantly. In the photo above, we are filling the potholes with gravel, breaking down the clay content by mixing it with cement, and compacting it thoroughly to ensure the road is safe and usable for motorists.



## Saving water, one tap at a time

Water is a scarce resource, especially in the Karoo. While we continue to encourage residents and visitors to use water responsibly, we also believe that everyone should have access to clean drinking water.

One well-known example is the tap in front of the Tourism Office / Visitor Hub, which has provided both locals and visitors with fresh drinking water over the years. Unfortunately, the previous tap was difficult to manage and often resulted in unnecessary water wastage.

In March, local resident Johan Myburgh and his team renovated the display and replaced the tap with a more efficient one. This simple but important improvement is helping to save water while still keeping this special feature available to the community and visitors.

We encourage everyone to enjoy this unique water point responsibly and to please make sure the tap is properly closed after each use. In the Karoo, every drop truly matters.

## GEEN ONGEMAGTIGDE TOEGANG TOT VULLISTERREINE TOEGELAAT NIE

Die Prince Albert Munisipaliteit wil alle inwoners van Prince Albert, Klarstroom en Leeu-Gamka dringend herinner: Toegang tot die munisipale vullisterreine is streng beperk tot gemagtigde persone en voertuie.

### Hoekom hierdie reël?

- Wetlike Vereiste:** Ingevolge die National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 59 van 2008 en die terrein se permitvoorwaardes mag slegs persone met amptelike magtiging die vullisterrein betree. Oortreding is 'n kriminele oortreding.
- Veiligheid:** Vullisterreine is hoë-risiko gebiede. Swaar masjinerie, onstabiele afvalhope, brandgevaar, skerp voorwerpe en giftige gasse hou 'n ernstige lewensgevaar in vir ongemagtigde persone, veral kinders.
- Gesondheid:** Onbeheerde toegang verhoog die risiko van beserings, siektes en blootstelling aan gevaarlike afval.
- Onwettige Aktiwiteite:** Diefstal, brandstigting en onwettige storting neem toe wanneer ongemagtigde persone toegang verkry. Dit kos die belastingbetaler duisende rande en bedreig ons gemeenskap se omgewingslensie.

### Wie mag die terrein betree?

Slegs die volgende persone met amptelike toestemming:

- Munisipale afvalbestuurpersoneel en kontrakteurs met geldige ID-kaarte/werkpermitte
- Gemagtigde vullisverwyderingsvoertuie tydens amptelike bedryfsure.
- Goedgekeurde herwinningsmaatskappye met skriftelike magtiging van die Munisipaliteit.

Geen “skroppers”, voetslaners, kinders of privaat persone word toegelaat nie – selfs al soek hulle herwinbare materiaal.

### Bedryfsure vir aflewering van huishoudelike vullis:

Terrein	Dae	Tye
Prince Albert	Ma – Vr	08:00 – 16:30
Leeu-Gamka	Ma, Wo, Vr	08:00 – 16:00
Klaarstroom	Di, Do	08:00 – 16:00



Slegs huishoudelike vullis van inwoners mag gedurende hierdie tye afgegee word by die amptelike ingang. Geen toegang tot die stortingsarea self nie.

### Wat is die gevolge van oortreding?

- Strafregtelike vervolging:** Betreding is 'n oortreding ingevolge die Wet op Afval en Munisipale Verordeninge. Boetes tot R10 000 of gevangenisstraf kan opgelê word.
- Verwydering deur Wetstoepassing:** SAPD en Munisipale Wetstoepassing patrolleer terreine. Ongemagtigde persone sal verwyder en aangekla word.
- Geen aanspreeklikheid:** Die Munisipaliteit aanvaar geen verantwoordelikheid vir beserings, dood of verlies van enige ongemagtigde persoon op die terrein nie.

### Hoe kan jy help?

- Moenie kinders na die terrein stuur nie.** Dit is lewensgevaarlik.
- Rapporteer oortreders: Sien jy ongemagtigde persone by die terrein?** Skakel Wetstoepassing dadelik: 023 541 1320.
- Gebruik herwinningsprogramme:** Maak gebruik van die Munisipaliteit se dromme, skoonmaakveldtogte en goedgekeurde herwinningsinisiatiewe. Moenie self gaan “soek” op die terrein nie.
- Wettige storting:** Besighede en boukontrakteurs moet vooraf reël by Tegniese Dienste: 023 541 1036 vir goedkeuring en tariewe.

Help ons om ons dorpe skoon, veilig en wetgehoorsaam te hou. Jou samewerking beskerm lewens en ons omgewing.



## VRYHEIDSDAG - 27 April 2026

"Want om vry te wees is nie bloot om jou kettings af te gooi nie, maar om te leef op 'n manier wat die vryheid van ander respekteer en bevorder." - Nelson Mandela

In 1994 het Suid-Afrikaners vryheid gekies en daarmee saam die verantwoordelikheid om iets te bou wat daardie keuse werd is.

Vir 'n munisipaliteit is daardie verantwoordelikheid duidelik: skoon drinkwater, ligte wat brand, rioolstelsels wat werk, strate wat skoon gehou word. Dit is nie luukse nie. Dit is die PP grondslag van 'n waardige lewe, maar ons moet verder gaan.

'n Munisipaliteit moet ook die toestande skep vir ekonomiese groei, werkskepping en veiligheid sodat elke inwoner 'n werklike geleentheid het om hier, in hulle eie dorp, 'n toekoms te bou.

Vryheid beteken respek vir mekaar, om ons verantwoordelikhede teenoor mekaar na te kom en om die werklike geleentheid te hê om te floreer.

Ons doen dit nie alleen nie. Ons bou saam, met hoop en met 'n doel, want ons wil nie net oorleef nie, ons wil floreer.

Die werk gaan voort. Ons is daaraan toegewyd.

Gelukkige Vryheidsdag aan al ons inwoners van Prince Albert, Leeu-Gamka en Klaarstroom.

Linda Jaquet  
Uitvoerende Burgemeester

## NOTICE TO PRINCE ALBERT RESIDENTS

Please note: **We are experiencing problems with certain electrical prepaid meters.**



If your meter makes a knocking sound and the electricity supply dims or fluctuates, **please contact the emergency number immediately: 082 220 0848 (Mr Kammies).**

A technician will be sent out to address the problem.

**We are aware of the issue and are attending to it.**

**The electrical team, under the leadership of Mr van der Sandt,** is divided into two teams: one handling callouts and the other handling street lights.

The team's production flow is excellent at an average of 16 street lights per day, which is extremely good. The team's target is to replace all dead street lights by next week.

## A HIGH FIVE TO THE TEAM.



## ONWETTIGE STORTING IS 'N GROOT PROBLEEM

### STOP ONWETTIGE STORTING: ONS DORPE IS NIE ASHOPE NIE Waar is jou Gemeenskapstrots?

In Prince Albert, Klarstroom en Leeu-Gamka sien ons dit elke week: vullis wat in die veld, langs die pad, in rivierlope en op oop erwe gestort word. Matrasse, bourommel, tuinvullis, dooie diere, swartsakke.

Dit is onwettig. Dit is gevaarlik. Dit is onaanvaarbaar.

#### Wat kos onwettige storting ons?

Gevolg	Impak op JOU
Gesondheid	Rotte, vlieë, maaiers en siektes versprei. Kinders speel daar
Geld	Elke keer wat ons 'n openbare spasie moet skoonmaak, kos dit duisende rande. Geld wat vir paaie, water en ligte gebruik moes word
Omgewing	Plastiek en gif beland in ons grondwater en Karoo-veld. Dit neem 400 jaar om af te breek.
Toerisme	ToerismeVuil dorpe stoot besoekers weg. Geen toerisme = geen werk
Wet	Ingevolge die National Environmental Management: Waste Act en Munisipale Verordeninge is dit 'n kriminele oortreding. Boetes tot R10 000 of gevangenisstraf.

Daar is GEEN verskoning nie – Vullisverwyderingsdae IS beskikbaar

### SIT JOU SWARTSAK UIT OP JOU VULLISVERWYDERINGSDAG!!!

#### Reëls vir verwydering:

1. Sakke teen 07:00 in die oggend op sypaadjie.
2. Slegs huishoudelike vullis – geen bourommel, bande, of tuinvullis in swartsakke nie.
3. Te swaar sakke word nie opgetel nie. Verdeel dit. Het jy bourommel, tuinvullis of groot items?

Wanneer jy in die veld stort, moet 'n span met 'n TLB en vragmotor uitstuur om dit te gaan haal. Dit beteken:

- Die gras word nie daardie week gesny nie.
- 'n Pyp wat lek word nie dadelik reggemaak nie.

#### Wat kan JY doen?

- i. Stort reg: Gebruik jou verwyderingsdag. Gaan na die terrein as jy moet.
- ii. Rapporteer: Sien jy iemand stort? Neem 'n foto van die voertuig/nommerplaat as dit veilig is. Skakel Wetstoepassing dadelik: 023 541 1320 Jy mag anoniem bly.
- iii. Praat: Sê vir jou buurman, jou kontrakteur, jou tuinwerker – "Moenie daar stort nie, boet.
- iv. "Wees trots: 'n Skoon dorp begin by jou erf, jou straat, jou voorbeeld.

**1. Ons gaan zero toleransie toepas.**

**2. Wetstoepassing patroleer bekende stortingsplekke.**

**3. Oortreders SAL vervolg word!**

**4. Die kamera lieg nie!**



# SERVICE DELIVERY FOR THE PEOPLE IS WHAT DRIVES THE MUNICIPALITY



The new sewer truck PTO was installed. Mr Arries tested it in Klaarstroom, servicing more than 7 septic tanks.



He then took it to Prince Albert where he demonstrated the operation to Mr Kellerman, who subsequently commenced operating it himself in Prince Albert.

Municipality experienced challenges with the Municipal Honey Sucker, and after trying to fix it, it became too costly and only a temporary solution, the Council made funding available to purchase a New Honey Sucker.



Thank you to our **CUSTOMERS** for your patience and a Big Thank you to **Laingsburg & Oudtshoorn Municipalities** who reach out & helped us when our old truck broke down!!!



On 26 March 2026, the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) officially handed over Phase 1, the R8 million water purification Package Plant at Leeu-Gamka's treatment works, which we completed in November 2024.

The handover formed part of National Water Month, during which Minister of Water and Sanitation, Ms Pemmy Majodina, committed her department to holding official handover ceremonies for completed water and sanitation projects across all provinces during March 2026. Ms NM Bila-Mupariwa, Provincial Head of DWS in the Western Cape, led the Department's delegation to Leeu-Gamka.

I can also confirm that we completed Phase 2 at a cost of R15 million in December last year. This was the construction of a new one megalitre reservoir to store treated water and provide reserve capacity for future growth. Together, these two phases give Leeu-Gamka clean, high-standard drinking water and the storage infrastructure to sustain it.

What particularly impressed the Department was that we designed this project to provide water security to Leeu-Gamka for the next 30 years, with growth factored in. I believe that is the kind of long-term, responsible planning our residents deserve and I am proud that we delivered it.

At the handover, Ms Bila-Mupariwa said that we had embodied this year's World Water Day theme — "Where Water Flows, Equality Grows." That recognition means a great deal to us; but what matters most is what it means for the residents of Bitterwater, Newton Park and Welgemoed.

Until recently, Newton Park and Welgemoed were PRASA and Transnet areas, with their infrastructure, ageing pipes and bucket toilets. While our water quality in Leeu-Gamka is now good, the infrastructure delivering water to households must be upgraded and replaced. Phases 3 and 4 of the projects will ensure this.

Through these first two phases, we also created economic opportunities. We employed residents, gave local contractors a seat at the table and upskilled people in our community. That

That is how I believe infrastructure investment should work, and we will carry that approach through the phases still to come.

In Phases 3 and 4, we will construct a sewerage pump station and upgrade the full water and sanitation reticulation network, bringing waterborne sanitation to approximately 720 households, eradicating bucket toilets and replacing ageing asbestos pipelines. We will restore human dignity through effective service delivery.

Cashflow projections for the last two phases are as follows:

R11 million for 2026/2027

R20 million for 2027/2028

R11 million for 2028/2029

To Minister Majodina and the Department of Water and Sanitation: thank you for your partnership, your funding, and the confidence that you show in a small rural municipality to tackle a project of this magnitude. To our Director of Technical Services, Mr Zolile Nongene, Senior Manager, Mr Ashley America and their team who drove this project: very well done. And to the residents of Bitterwater, Newton Park and Welgemoed - we are building this for you and your children.

## 15 Years of Service

🌟 Congratulations 🌟

Ms Burnadette Wildschut, our Principal Clerk: Archives  
**the face of Service Delivery**

15 years of dedicated service to Prince Albert Municipality.



Burnadette is often the first friendly face visitors see when they walk through our doors, always helpful, always willing to learn, and quietly stepping in to support her colleagues.

Fifteen years of that kind of commitment deserves to be celebrated! 🇷🇷

Thank you, Burnadette. We are proud to have you in our team!

## FAMILY PARK ABLUTION FACILITY RESTORED AS REVITALISATION OF PRINCE ALBERT'S COMMUNITY SPACE CONTINUES

Prince Albert Municipality is pleased to share positive progress in the ongoing restoration and improvement of the Family Park, one of our community's important public spaces.

Following a damaging incident in which a portion of the park's ablution facility was burned down by children from the community, the Municipality has successfully completed refurbishment work to restore the facility at a cost of R169 000.00. This investment forms part of Council's broader commitment to protecting and improving public amenities for the benefit of all residents and visitors.

While the ablution facility has now been restored and is fully operational, further upgrades are still required, including the refurbishment of the park's jungle gyms to ensure that children can enjoy safe and functional recreational equipment.

In addition to infrastructure repairs, the Municipality continues to work daily on improving the overall condition of the Family Park through:

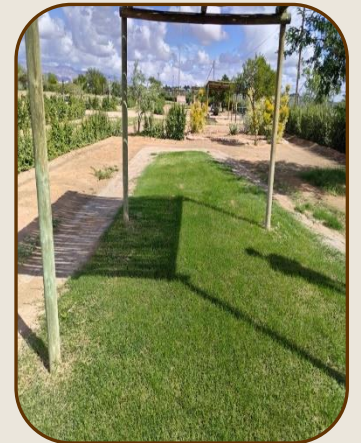
- Ongoing cleaning and maintenance
- Greening and planting initiatives
- Regular supervision and upkeep

A new irrigation system has also been installed and is now operational, supporting the sustainability of newly established green areas and contributing to a more attractive environment for park users.

It is encouraging to see more members of the community making use of the Family Park. This increased usage reflects the value of the space as a place for recreation, relaxation, and social connection. However, with this comes a shared responsibility. The Municipality urges all users to enjoy the facility responsibly, help prevent vandalism, and leave the park in a clean and usable condition for others.

Residents are further reminded that any special events, private functions, or exclusive use of the Family Park must be formally applied for through the Municipality, and the prescribed usage tariff will apply.

The Family Park belongs to the whole community. By working together to care for and respect this shared space, we can ensure it remains a safe, welcoming, and enjoyable environment for current and future generations.



# HOSTING SAFE AND COMPLIANT EVENTS IN PRINCE ALBERT MUNICIPALITY

## A practical guide for event organisers, NGOs, churches, schools and community groups

Prince Albert Municipality encourages events that promote tourism, culture, sport and community development. However, all public events, gatherings and organised activities within the municipal area must comply with applicable legislation, safety requirements and municipal approval processes before taking place.

This approach aligns with best practice and guidelines, where organisers are required to formally declare events in advance to ensure public safety, legal compliance and proper coordination with municipal services.

### What qualifies as an “event”?

An event may include:

- Festivals, markets and fairs
- Sporting events or tournaments
- Church gatherings or religious programmes
- Concerts, performances or shows
- Conferences, exhibitions or business events
- Fundraisers, NGO activities or charity drives
- Public celebrations or large social gatherings

If the activity is outside normal day-to-day operations and involves organised public participation, approval may be required.

### Key requirements for event approval:

#### 1. Apply early

Applications should generally be submitted at least one month prior to the event date to allow for assessment and coordination.

#### 2. Complete required documentation

Depending on the type and size of the event, organisers may need:

- i. SAPS event application forms
- ii. Safety and security plans
- iii. Disaster Management approvals
- iv. Population certificate / venue capacity confirmation
- v. Health and environmental compliance
- vi. Proof of payment for applicable fees
- vii. Traffic or road closure requests (if relevant)

### 3. Safety first

Municipal and emergency services must ensure:

- i. Public safety measures are in place
- ii. Fire and emergency access is adequate
- iii. Crowd control is addressed
- iv. Noise, sanitation and environmental concerns are managed

### 4. Approval before advertising

No public event should be promoted or hosted without final municipal authorisation.

### Why compliance matters?

These procedures are not intended to discourage events, but rather to:

- i. Protect attendees and organisers
- ii. Ensure legal compliance
- iii. Coordinate emergency services
- iv. Prevent disruptions or unsafe conditions
- v. Support successful, well-managed community activities

### Important reminder

Unauthorised events may face enforcement action, cancellation or closure if they do not meet municipal or legal requirements. Municipalities increasingly apply stricter oversight to ensure public accountability and safety.

**Prince Albert Municipality’s message to organisers: Whether you are planning a small community gathering or a major public festival, early engagement with the Municipality is essential. Proper planning ensures your event is safe, lawful and successful.**

**For guidance, application forms or assistance, contact the Community Services sub-directorate well in advance of your planned event.**

## RIGLYNE VIR BOUBEHEER PRINCE ALBERT MUNISIPALITEIT

Prince Albert Munisipaliteit neem met toenemende kommer kennis van die toename in onwettige bouwerk oor die afgelope vier maande en ag dit nodig om inwoners te herinner aan die korrekte prosedures en wetlike vereistes vir enige bouwerk. Voordat enige bouwerk, veranderings of aanbouings begin – ongeag hoe klein – moet vooraf goedkeuring van die Prince Albert Munisipaliteit verkry word. Dit sluit stoepies, heinings, mure en interne veranderings in.

Die Bou-inspekteur bepaal of werk as ondergeskik (klein veranderings) of formeel beskou word. Ondergeskikte werk vereis nie altyd SACAP-goedgekeurde planne nie, maar inwoners word aangeraai om vooraf met die Bou-inspekteur te konsulteer.

### FORMELE BOUPLANAANSOEKE VEREIS ONDER ANDERE:

- i. Erfenisgoedkeuring vir geboue ouer as 60 jaar
- ii. Elektroniese indiening via die Collaborator Portal
- iii. Voldoening aan toepaslike SANS-standaarde, insluitend energie-doeltreffendheid en waterverhitting
- iv. Volledige bouplanne (vloerplanne, aansigte, dakplan, elektriese en riooluitleg)
- v. Titellakte, soneringsertifikaat, SG-diagram en vereiste SANS-vorms
- vi. Fenestrasie-sertifikate waar van toepassing

### VOOR OKKUPASIESERTIFIKAAT:

Alle vereiste inspeksies (7 fases) moet voltooi word, tesame met glas-, gas-, elektriese-, loodgieter- en waar nodig ingenieursertifikate.

### BELANGRIKE VEREISTES:

1. 48 uur kennisgewing voor bouwerk en inspeksies
2. Geen bouwerk na 18:00 of op Sondag
3. Boumateriaal moet aan SABS/SANS standaard voldoen
4. Bourommel moet binne 7 dae verwyder word
5. Goedgekeurde planne verval indien bouwerk nie binne 12 maande begin nie
6. Afskrifte van goedgekeurde planne en inspeksievorms moet te alle tye op die terrein beskikbaar wees.

Navrae: Bou-inspekteur, Mej. F. Ndlovu | Tel: (023) 541 1036 | E-pos: [fionan@pamun.gov.za](mailto:fionan@pamun.gov.za)

## BUILDING CONTROL GUIDELINES PRINCE ALBERT MUNICIPALITY

Prince Albert Municipality has noted with growing concern the increase in illegal building activities over the past four months and deems it necessary to remind residents of the proper procedures and legal requirements for all building work. Prior municipal approval is required before any building work, alterations, or additions may commence, regardless of size. This includes verandas, fences, walls, and internal modifications.

The Building Inspector will determine whether the work is classified as minor or formal. Minor works may not require SACAP-approved plans, but property owners are advised to consult the Building Inspector beforehand.

### FORMAL BUILDING PLAN APPLICATIONS GENERALLY REQUIRE:

- i. Heritage approval for buildings older than 60 years
- ii. Electronic submission via the Collaborator Portal
- iii. Compliance with relevant SANS standards, including energy efficiency and water heating requirements
- iv. Full building plans (floor plans, elevations, roof plans, electrical and drainage layouts)
- v. Title deed, zoning certificate, SG diagram, and required SANS forms
- vi. Fenestration compliance where applicable

### BEFORE AN OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE CAN BE ISSUED:

All 7 mandatory inspections must be completed, together with glazing, gas, electrical, plumbing, and where applicable, engineering certificates.

### KEY REQUIREMENTS:

1. 48 hours' notice before construction and inspections
2. No construction after 18:00 or on Sundays
3. Building materials must comply with SABS/SANS standards
4. Construction rubble must be removed within 7 days of completion
5. Approved plans lapse if construction does not commence within 12 month
6. Approved plans and inspection forms must remain on site at all times.

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## PRINCE ALBERT'S CHURCH STREET GETS A FRESH LOOK: NEW ROAD MARKINGS BOOST SAFETY AND TOURISM APPEAL

The Prince Albert Municipality is proud to announce the successful completion of the Church Street Road marking project, delivered entirely through the Municipality's own budget.

As a town where tourism forms the backbone of the local economy, the upkeep and beautification of our streets is more than cosmetic – it's economic. The crisp, newly painted road markings have given Church Street a fresh, neat appearance that complements Prince Albert's charm and enhances its appeal to visitors.

### Safer Streets: New Pedestrian Crossings Installed

A key feature of the project is the addition of formal pedestrian crossings at several busy hotspots, including:

- Spar;
- Traffic Department;
- U-Save Hotel exit to The Lazy Lizard; and
- "Die dam" area near the liquor store.

Previously, pedestrians crossed Church Street at random points, creating confusion and conflict between foot traffic and vehicles. The new crossings now channel pedestrians to safe, designated points, ensuring a smoother and more orderly flow for everyone.

### How to Use a Pedestrian Crossing Safely

The Municipality reminds all residents and visitors of the basic road rules for pedestrians:

- i. **Stop at the kerb** before stepping into the road;
- ii. **Look right, left, then right again** for oncoming traffic;
- iii. **Listen** for approaching vehicles;
- iv. **Press the button**, if present, and wait for the green man signal or for all traffic to stop;
- v. **Make eye contact** with drivers where possible to confirm they've seen you;
- vi. **Walk, don't run** – stay alert and avoid using your phone while crossing; and
- vii. **Stay within the lines** – do not cross diagonally or outside the marked crossing.



### Law Enforcement on the Ground

Prince Albert Municipality's Law Enforcement officers are actively assisting and educating pedestrians on how to use the new crossings correctly.

We call on all residents and visitors to respect the road rules and help us keep Prince Albert safe, neat, and welcoming.

This project reflects our commitment to service delivery that directly supports tourism, safety, and civic pride – funded by the people of Prince Albert, for the people of Prince Albert.

