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Poor voter turnout leaves 66 municipalities hanging

STAFF WRITER

South African Municipal elections were held on a cold and rainy Monday, 1 November 2021.

The voter turnout was low not only in Grabouw, but the whole of Theewaterskloof.

Only 26 223 registered voters braved the cold and wet conditions to cast their ballots.

Overall in the Western Cape of the 3 111 930 registered voters, only 1 523 780 turned up to vote.

While Grabouw SAPS and other law enforcement agencies ensured that all voting stations remained safe throughout the day.

The IEC declared that the local government elections were free and fair at the Results Operation Centre on 4 November 2021. Glen Mashinini, chairperson of the Electoral Commission of South Africa (IEC), announced that the final results show 66 hung councils.

Now the two phrases on everyone's lips for the past few days have been

"hung councils" and "coalition governments". The latter is something the Nelson Mandela Bay, Johannesburg, and Tshwane Metro municipalities had to endure over the past few years.

The former is a hot topic, since the recent local government elections have produced a record number of hung councils.

What exactly is a hung council? The phrase simply means that none of the parties competing in the election managed to secure an outright majority. In other words no one has over 50% of the votes.

An outright majority would allow for a party to govern on their own. Failure to do so means parties have to strike deals in order to form coalitions which would govern the municipalities. It ultimately means that coalitions form by having smaller parties throw their weight behind those with more seats, in exchange for some concessions.

At present more than 30% of the country's municipalities are hung. This is more than double the number of the 2016 Local Government Elections.

With Theewaterskloof being one of the hung councils. At the time of going to print nothing was conclusive as parties were still stuck in negotiations.

It is possible that some municipalities will be unable to conclude coalition agreements necessary to ensure proper governance.

The Theewaterskloof Local Municipality council consists of twenty-seven members elected by mixed-member proportional representation. Fourteen councillors are elected by first-past-the-post voting in fourteen

wards, while the remaining thirteen are chosen from party lists so that the total number of party representatives is proportional to the number of votes received. In the election of 1 November 2021, no party won a majority.

Results of the 2021 election.

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ANC	7 357 Votes,	Seats 8
Good	2 550 Votes,	Seats 3
PA	1 313 Votes,	Seats 2
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EFF	879 Votes,	Seats 1
SRWP	403 Votes,	Seats 1

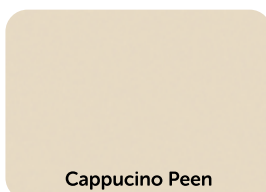


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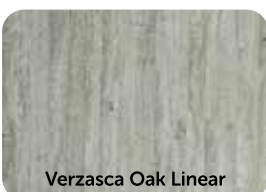
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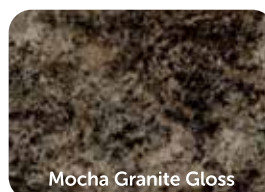


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A short history of Steenbras Dam

STAFF WRITER

Before World War I, all the municipalities in the Cape Peninsula area amalgamated and initiated a process motivated entirely by the need for services reform.

With water services the most compelling need of all because the ability of the water reservoirs on Table Mountain to supply was limited.

Those limits had been reached and water restrictions were imposed.

In 1913 a Board of Engineers were appointed to report on a water augmentation scheme for the City of Cape Town.

Their proposal was the Steenbras scheme, which would consist of a concrete gravity and arch dam on the Steenbras River.

This dam would be connected to the Molteno reservoir through a tunnel in the Hottentots Holland mountains and a 64 kilometre long cast iron pipeline. Work began on the scheme in 1918 and was completed three years later in 1921 as the first Steenbras Dam, named after the steenbras, a fish endemic to South Africa.

The dam, set against the slopes of the Hottentots Holland mountains above Gordon's Bay, was a modest masonry structure, impounding 27 000 m³ behind an 8-m high wall. In 1916, the dam was raised by 13 m to meet the increased demand for water in the City.

The entire original structure was enveloped in the new dam wall, which increased the capacity of the reservoir by some 60%.

The Steenbras scheme could supply Cape Town with up to 42 million litres of water per day, the average consumption was in the region of 29 million litres per day.

The consumption however grew rapidly and it was not long before Cape

Town once again had a water supply problem.

To solve the demand for additional water supplies the Steenbras dam wall was raised and an additional pipeline was laid into the city.

This work was completed in 1928. For much of the first half of the twentieth century it was the main reservoir for Cape Town but is now only one of many dams that supply the city.

The dam now known as Lower Steenbras Dam became part of the first pumped storage scheme in the 1970s, while the Upper Steenbras Dam was only constructed in 1977.

Steenbras Dam is owned by the City of Cape Town and serves principally to supply water to that city. The dam wall is 28 metres high and 412 metres long, it impounds a reservoir of 36,133 megalitres over a surface area of 380 hectares when full. It is currently 93,6%.

Please note: Steenbras dam is closed to the public.



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CHRISTELLE VOSLOO



MAYOR OF THEEWATERSKLOOF

I joined Theewaterskloof Municipality at a relatively late stage of the current term and in the middle of the Covid-19 pandemic. However, I served the local government for more than thirty years. The highlight of my career would be the completion of the Resource & Thusing centre in Grabouw, because it helped take the services to the people. Toughest challenges faced was working successfully with a very small and tight budget and tackling land invasions. The memorable moments in my career are too many to mention, but seeing that you

make a difference in people's lives ranks quite high. As a municipal council we stayed committed to good and clean governance. We welcomed the string of clean audits and accolades we received from independent municipal performance ratings agencies. I want to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the many projects we implemented. I thank everybody who supported the municipality in its plight to provide quality services in good and bad times and in spite of the Covid-19 pandemic. Thank you.

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Forex Trader, Jonathan J. of Grabouw said:
“I will never vote again because there’s too much corruption”.
“The poor voter turnout shows the lack of trust in the ruling parties’ says pensioner in Worcestor Street “but I still vote”.

26 year old B. Griffith said
“ek het nie geregister nie en ek stel nie belang nie”



Christopher Abrahams Patriotic Alliance “we don’t make promises, we just deliver”



Christelle Vosloo casting her last vote as the Mayor of Theewaterskloof.



EFFs Odwa Silimela “we hope that this election will improve the standard of living of our people and we must ensure the future of our youth.”



Good party John Michaels and his mom Helen Elizabeth said “I’ve voted the first democratic elections in our country ‘for a better life for all’ and this year is the first time I am changing my vote for a new party.” John Michaels Good Party “both the previous ruling parties were disappointing” Good Party are here to make a difference.

Seeking solutions to rising crime

STAFF WRITER

An emergency Crime Prevention Meeting was held at SAPS Grabouw on 19 October 2021.

All community activists, politicians, neighbourhood watches, councillors, and crime prevention forums were invited. The meeting was for solutions to the rise of crime in Grabouw and it was chaired by David Williams of the Grabouw CPE. EFFs Odwa suggested that the shebeens must be prevented from staying open after 9pm and that the community must support SAPS

in this regard. While the DAs Sammy Fredericks said “we must keep a record of repeat perpetrators being caught with knives and dangerous weapons and eventually lock them.

It’s time that the community do their part and support law enforcement” John Michaels of the Good party was dissatisfied with the meeting and asked to be excused because he felt that the basic issues of poverty and inequality, which he felt was a huge factor in the crime rate, would not be addressed.

Mr Alfred Matouane also of the Good party expressed the importance

of political leaders playing their role in crime prevention.

Community activist Isabel Bailey said more should be done in motivating the kids. She hosts an annual ex-convict motivational talks that has yielded positive results in her community. SAPS confirmed that 10 additional officers will be joining the patrol officers before the festive season. David Williams concluded the meeting reminding everyone of the Power of Prayer and the positive message that “together we can turn Grabouw around and make it a safe haven for all”.



Reunited after 3 years

STAFF WRITER

Saturday 23 October 2021 was a regular night out on patrol for the Grabouw Youth Patrol Officers(GYPO) also known as the Orange Bibs. Dangerous weapons were confiscated and crime averted while patrolling the streets and keeping the Grabouw community safe.

However this night the GYPO noticed an elderly old woman who was wandering the streets. She seemed confused because she had been assaulted earlier and she was

drunk. The GYPO escorted her home to the Dark side Informal Settlement in Hillside.

Phindiwe Fundakubi and Khayaletu Juice Mdeyide investigated and discovered that the lady was actually from Swellendam. Upon further investigation and under the guidance and leadership of David Williams of the CPE, they received a tip off. A young lady, Portia Tlaetsi in Swellendam had reported her mother missing three years ago. The GYPO contacted Portia Tlaetsi, who is the daughter and the elderly woman(known

as Madloma) fit her description perfectly. Portia and GYPO kept in constant contact. There were tears of joy as the family was finally reunited on Sunday 14 November 2021.



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2021 is about having Faith

AGRI'S GOT TALENT SPOKESPERSON

Faith Nogemane, a general worker from Wildekrans Wine Estate, Botriver became the 8th winner of Agri's Got Talent on Friday, 1 October.

Due to the Covid-pandemic, the final event was live-streamed via social media platforms for the first time ever and saw the finalists bravely battle it out with heart and soul.

Ronel Radloff from Diemersfontein, Wellington was second, and Jack Jonas, from CRI Citrus Foundation Block, Uitenhage, took third place.

Historically the South African agricultural sector carries a heavy burden and often gets media attention for all the wrong reasons. Against this backdrop, Agri's Got Talent (AGT) stands firm as a beacon of the human spirit and celebrates people for the fact that they are also mothers, fathers, daughters, sons, part of a community, immensely talented, and also have an



opportunity to have their voices heard.

Faith who won the judges over with her performance of 'Amazulu' and 'Stand up for love' said that the event had a huge impact on her. "We learned so much in the past week, and although I was motivated to win, I was constantly aware of how talented the other finalists are."

Apart from being a singing competition, AGT is also a social development programme for agricultural workers in the fruit and wine industries. The programme is a joint venture between Hortgro, the

Citrus Growers' Association, Vinpro, SATI (South African Table Grape Industry), and the Western Cape Department of Agriculture.

All the finalists received voice, stage and media training. The finalists also get make-overs (including clothes and a self-care package) and self-development workshops hosted by Procure. These workshops specifically aim to grow finalists' self-awareness and confidence, through soft skills development, such as conflict resolution, money and time management. These skills are invaluable for potential music careers but also in the work context.

If you missed the AGT finals, watch it again here: <https://fb.watch/8qxyEWLT9K/>

Join the AGT family on social media: Facebook and <https://www.agrisgottalent.com/agris-got-talent-2021-top-10/>

For more information, contact Thea van Zyl at thea@hortgro.co.za or 021 870 2900 for more information.



AGT winner Faith Nogemane with Ronel Radloff who won second place on her left and Jack Jonas who won third place on her right.

Big future ahead for young ballet stars

STAFF WRITER

The young and talented ballet students at Swans Studio in Grabouw passed their exams with flying colours.

Most of the students have only been dancing for a year and only attend classes once a week, while the senior students attend classes twice a week.

The work for the older students gets more complicated and more dances to memorize and perfect.

The seniors have made it clear to me that they are looking for a career in dance in the future, they work extremely hard and I definitely see

them achieving their goal especially if they keep the drive they have now.

For the exam, each dance needs to be memorized perfectly.

They are marked on performance, technique, accuracy of the dance and musicality.

Each category contributes to the final result.

The children then perform each dance in front of the independent examiner, appointed from the American Academy of Ballet.

The proud mommy of Ivy Carol Marais van Eden said her daughter has been doing ballet for a year.

"At first we just tried it because she

loves Barbie the ballet princesses.

Jessica is an amazing ballet teacher and has taught my daughter so much. It is now a fun educational sport."

"My dogter Melre' Wyngaard (15 jaar oud) het in 2019 begin met haar ballet opleiding. Ons is baie trots dat sy ballet eksamen met silwer geslaag het" said Misha.

My hopes for the studio is to be able to create a space that covers not only ballet but other dance genres as well to give students the maximum opportunities in a dance careers of any sort.

There are big things coming for the studio that will only benefit its students.



Photo caption: Front row left to right, Janelle Engelbrecht - silver distinction Ivy Marais Van Eden - silver distinction, Lienke Engelbrecht - silver distinction Second row left to right: Annabella Evans - silver double distinction Ramiah Scholtz - gold, Amori Webb - silver double distinction Ziahne Jacobus - gold 3rd row left to right: Kylie Fredericks - silver double distinction Melre Wyngaard - silver double distinction



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Koningin van Knoflokskraal spreek mense vir eerste keer toe

STAFF WRITER

Die Koningin van Knoflokskraal het op 5 November die mense vir die eerste keer toegesprek nadat sy en haar stam die grond teruggeëis het.

“Ek, koningin Elouise Rossouw van House of KhoiKhoi het Saterdag 8 Augustus 2020 by Oude Molen, Pinelands, met PC Richard Isaacs van die Chainaqua ontmoet. ‘n Vergadering van die Royal KhoiKhoi Chiefs, aangebied deur PC Aran van die Goringhaicona.

Ons het ooreengekom om saam te werk. Ons het ook ooreengekom dat Knoflokskraal die gebied sou wees wat ons vir die khoi en San Nasie sou terugeis. Op Donderdag 5 November 2020 het ek, Elouise Rossouw met Jacques Rossouw, Jerron Rossouw, Gorretti Syce, Joshua Syce, Lance Marlow, David Tarentaal en vergesel deur Richard Isaacs, Knoflokskraal, ‘n area sowat 16 km vanaf Grabouw en 10 km vanaf Botrivier teruggeëis. Ons was op Vrydag 6 November 2020 saam met Junné Pindele, Claude Davids, Flippie Ruiters, Jacqueline Ruiters, met

hul 2-jarige dogter, Hope en Hakeem Dirks. Op 7 November 2020 het ons ons verblyf van 48 uur voltooi, wat ons grondwetlik beskerm teen uitgesit. Nadat jy hierdie reis aangepak het, ten volle toegerus met huishoudelike toerusting en huishoudelike toestelle vir ‘n permanente verblyf. Die oprigting van strukture in die daad van herwinning en okkupasie was bewys van ons voorneme om die grond permanent te beset.

Hierdie grond is teruggeëis ooreenkomstig Artikel 26 (1) van die Verenigde Nasies se Verklaring van die Regte van Inheemse Volke (UNDRIP) en is dus aan die verteenwoordigers van DEFF, SAPD, GPF en Wetstoepassingsagente gekommunikeer toe dit een maand later besoek is.

Ons beoog om voort te gaan met ons voorneme om ons voorheen besit Khoi- en San-grond en hulpbronne, wat sonder vergoeding van ons voorvaders geneem is, te beset en om onder die beskerming van die Verenigde Nasies te bly wat die regte van Aborigines bepleit waaronder ons Korana Tribal House kwalifiseer.



Ons visie is om ‘n Khoi- en San-dorpie te hê, met skole, gesondheidsentrum, Khoi-sentrum waar ons nasie hul handwerk en kos kan vertoon en verkoop.

Hou bestaansboerdery vir ons Khoi en San Nasie.

Ons missie is om impak op die toerismebedryf deur houthuise aan buitelanders te verhuur.

Doen driekampe om fondse te genereer om ons Khoi- en San-nasie te help.

Doen die! NLU om ons identiteit te herwin.



Grabouw spaar miljoene liters water

STAFF WRITER

Projek Lungisa, ‘n vennootskap tussen die Theewaterskloof Munisipaliteit en CCBSA, bou vaardighede en -ondersteun die rehabilitasie van waterinfrastruktuur om ‘n gemiddeld van 88 miljoen liter verlore per maand te bespaar as gevolg van waterlekkasies.

Die CCBSA het beoog om soveel as 13 miljoen liter waterbesparing in Grabouw, Wes-Kaap te lewer deur middel van sy Projek Lungisa. Dit is deel van ‘n breër en volhoubare Wateraanvullingsprogram wat in talle gemeenskappe regoor die land bestuur word, waar die uiteindelijke doelwit

is om tussen 80 – 100 miljoen liter in gemeenskappe in 2021 terug te vul.

In Projek Lungisa, wat deur CCBSA befonds word, is 10 kandidate deur die Theewaterskloof Munisipaliteit, waar Grabouw geleë is, geïdentifiseer vir opleiding in ‘n intensiewe teoretiese en praktiese loodgieterprogram. “Uitgebreidewaterverlieseisindiastreek geïdentifiseer as gevolg van veroudering van waternetwerkinfrastruktuur, onwettige verbindings en fasiliteite wat in die proses beskuldig gelaat is,” sê Andre Meyer, die munisipaliteit se waarnemende dorpsbestuurder. “Die gereelde instandhouding van waterlekkasies in informele gebiede bly ‘n groot bekommernis en die hoë koers

van vandalisme op die infrastruktuur lei tot voortgesette waterlekkasies wat gemiddeld 88 miljoen liter per maand beloop.”

Projek Lungisa vorm net een deel van die CCBSA se breër omvattende watervolhoubaarheidsprojekte regoor die land. Ander projekte sluit in die vervaardiging van waterbehandeling, die verwydering van indringerplantspesies om waterskeidings skoon te maak, asook die uitroei van lekkasies.

Tot 37% van drinkbare water in Suid-Afrika gaan tot niet weens stelsels wat misluk, verouderde infrastruktuur, onwettige verbindings, met die

Regering wat jaarliks sowat R7 miljard verloor weens waterverliese.

“In die Theewaterskloof-omgewing het ons die skadelike gevolge van waterskaarste ervaar toe die Theewaterskloofdam opgedroog het. Daarom is dit belangrik dat ons alles in ons vermoë doen om water te bespaar en hierdie belangrike hulpbron te bewaar,” sê Christelle Vosloo. “Deur my termyn as burgemeester is die opgradering van jongmense iets waarvoor ek baie passievol en vokaal was.”

Die probleem van waterlekkasies in Grabouw is ‘n kritieke saak wat dringend aandag nodig gehad het. Die totale waterverliese in die dorp was sowat 60% sedert Desember 2019. Daar

is meer as 5000 informele strukture in Grabouw met ‘n groot semi-informele waternetwerk, wat krane en toilette insluit wat deur die publiek gebruik word.

“Water is verreweg die belangrikste natuurlike hulpbron in ons produksie, en as ‘n hoëvolume watergebruiker is dit ons plig om die doeltreffende gebruik en langtermyn volhoubaarheid daarvan te verseker in ‘n vinnig groeiende ekonomie wat deur water gestres word.”

sê Nozicelo Ngcobo, CCBSA se direkteur vir openbare sake-kommunikasie en volhoubaarheid.

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STAFF WRITER

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Working on Fire’s vision is to be the leading global Integrated Fire Management (IFM) agency, making a sustainable difference in the environment and people’s lives. Our core business is IFM and implementing the Working on Fire (WOF) Expanded Public Works Programme. The WOF Programme

is a government-funded, job-creation programme, that recruits youth from marginalised communities, trains them in fire awareness and education, prevention and fire suppression skills and employs them as WOF Participants. We currently employ nearly 5000 young men and women, stationed at 200 bases across the country.

On the 10 August 2021, South

Africa deployed 109 firefighters and management to the province of Manitoba in Canada to assist with firefighting efforts in Canada. The request for assistance came from the Canadian Inter-agency Forest Fire Centre (CIFFC). Our brave firefighters have since returned home as heroes. The WOF team have been clearing trees in preparation for the summer Fire season.





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Committed to development of our youth patrolers

STAFF WRITER

As Grabouw CPF we are committed to the development of our Youth Patrolers. Hence we seek opportunities for their personal development.

In October the Grabouw Youth Patrolers (Orange bibs) attended a four day intensive leadership development course.

The course was presented by Farsight Skills Development team Dale and Juliet and also John

Miller and David Williams. The Trails End Bike Hotel hosted the CPF and the Grabouw Youth Patrolers and invited the international motivational speaker Warrior Rick to do what he loves doing.

Warrior Rick invested and empowered our Grabouw Youth Patroler Officers (Orange Bibs).

He commended them for serving the community and ensuring that Grabouw is a safer town.

He called them the Grabouw Community Police Officers. The patrolers were also challenged to see themselves as "Warriors of Change".

Our Grabouw Youth Patroler Officers (Orange bibs) have also been receiving self defense training, leadership development training, financial management training.

As Grabouw CPF our mission and focus is on the safety and development of healthy young people

The next few courses we have lined up for our Youth Patrolers are:

1. Crowd Management;
2. Peace Officer Training and
3. Community Crime prevention.



Creating a safe learning environment for struggling youth



TEAM GROW STRONG: Nathan Mouries, Marc Oudejans Founder & Facilitator, Joleine Kok Assistant, Junadin Lukas, Glenwill Schippers, Rudiwaan Theunissen, Manuel Lukas, Arthur Jacobs, Shereef Wagner, Petrus Lamberts, Nisi Lodewyk, Brigit Oudejans Founder & Facilitator

STAFF WRITER

Grow Strong Skills and Mentorship Programme has been running since February 2021. It is run by Lighthouse Mission in Pineview. We aim to create a safe learning environment in which struggling youth can thrive. Our main focus is on 15 - 19-year-olds who have left the schooling system.

We wish to expand the view of these young people by re-directing and investing in their lives. Most of them have very real academic and social challenges, and we see our ministry as an opportunity to show them hope again through not only our mentorship

program but through their skills development as well.

Marc and Brigit Oudejans, have been Child and Youth Care Workers in the Grabouw community for over 3 years.

We have seen the difference in a child who learns a skill and receives praise, experienced the joy of watching a teenager start to live free from the words spoken over him, witnessed how the thoughts of a street child change from rebellious and angry, to thought-filled consideration regarding the steps he needed to take to achieve a beautiful future.

We have witnessed the effect of kind and caring people coming around those who feel like they have been forgotten;

to have them feel seen, heard, and valued for the first time.

The Grow Strong programme runs from Monday to Friday. We start the day with Bible study and sport. After that, we have a few hours of hard skills (sewing, crafts, DIY, woodwork, cooking, or gardening.) We eat a meal together and then have an hour of soft skills or academic work.

We are proud of what our boys have achieved already in the short time we have been running, and look forward to watching them grow in confidence and ability.

Students who have joined the grow Strong Program like Junadin Lukas, who joined this year, enjoys the

Woodwork projects and appreciate learning and keeping busy.

Nathan Mouries, loves that he could reconnect with God and has learned how to work in a group and part of a team.

Shareef Wagner can finally see a brighter future and meeting with new like minded friends.

Rudiwaan Theunissen, is learning to respect others and he loves the interaction and sport.

Should you wish to find out more about the programme or want to assist in making it possible to keep the programme running, please contact us on 074 158 9988 or info@grow-strong.co.za

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“Roei jou eie bootjie”

STAFF WRITER

Francois Marais vind homself met sy gesin in Grabouw waar hy as Oom Francois bekend is. Hy bestuur tans 'n Restaurant staande vir die afgelope sewe jaar met 'n storie oor waar hy as entrepreneur begin het. Terwyl Francois gewerk het as sekuriteitsbeampte in Bishops Court, vertel hy van n huis eienaar wat aan hom noem dat geen werknemer verwagtinge kan he vanaf sy werkgever om behoeftes soos huis koop, motor koop, 'n gesin of geleerdheid te moet voorsien nie.

Na skool begin Francois werk, doen kennis op, skuif van werk, doen meer kennis op en so het dit aangegaan tot ongeveer die ouderdom van 40. Op dié ouderdom wens meeste mense om al 'n suksesvolle besigheids eienaar te wees voor hulle rustig kan aftree. Die eienaar se woorde bly by hom: “Neem die besluit om of die noodlot te aanvaar en te stagneer of al die jare se kennis te gebruik en jou eie bootjie te roei”.

Sy geloof hits hom aan en na vele gebede begin hy 'n Spring Clean Carwash. Die behoeftes van die lewe gee hom die idee om toe 'n plekkie van gemak en rustigheid te begin waar kliënte kan wag tot hul karre skoon is. In Mei 2014 word Rustic Car-fe gebore



om die mense se dors en lus te vul met gesogde rustieke etes.

Die begin van albei besighede het hom laat glo, soos baie beginner entrepreneurs, dat die besigheid gou geld sou maak en hy in sy familie kon belê. Iets wat hy kan oordra vir sy kinders en hul aan hul kinders. Goeie Afrikaanse gesegde bewys homself dat vinnige hond verbrand sy mond. Hy was reg oor sy passie, maar nie verwag dit sou baie meer kennis en harde werk verg nie. Na n tyd van leerskool en met behulp van vriende wat aanhoudend raad gee en bystand bied, lyk die toekoms van Rustic Car-fe vele beter. Huidiglik staan die restaurant 7 jaar sterk en is een van Grabouw se huishoudelike name.

Hy noem die volgende lesse vir entrepreneurs om te onthou: Byt vas, want die pad is lank, vol dorings en slaggate. Sorg dat jy goeie familie-ondersteuning het. Omring jou deur mense wat reeds die pad geloop het en leer, leer en leer meer van hul ervarings. Onthou jou kliënte is altyd die belangrikste en nie atyd reg nie, maar weet hul bly steeds die belangrikste komponent van jou besigheid. As jy struikel en val op jou pad van entrepreneurskap, staan op, probeer weer en leef jou droom.

GDA to drive economic growth and job creation

“The best way to predict the future is to create it.” - Peter Drucker

STAFF WRITER

The Grabouw Development Agency held their second meeting at Gerald Wright Hall on 15 October 2021 at 3pm.

The GDA has been mandated to drive economic growth and job creation in the Grabouw and Elgin region. Economic development is most successful when small and medium enterprises are able to thrive and as a result the GDA initiated the meeting in order to learn about the challenges companies in the informal settlement struggle with.

The outcome of the meeting was approximately 70 completed surveys (I had another meeting 2 weeks ago with a similar purpose at Kleinbegin). From these surveys we are able to see what type of businesses are in the community and what they need to grow.

After the data has been analysed we will determine where the GDA can play a role and how we can assist.

The GDA does not have a deep trust fund to draw on, nor does it have magical marketing powers. However,



with many experienced persons on our board we can look at the common challenges and see if there are solutions that will help multiple companies.

David Williams suggested that Grabouw needs a Business Hub for small businesses to show off their wares, skills and a platform to host meetings and workshops.

This idea was well received as many

of the small businesses faced the challenge of location and a safe space to work or sell.

The follow up to these meetings will be to test some of the suggested outcomes of the needs analysis with the businesses. There is no purpose in designing business solutions in a way that does not create buy-in from the companies.

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Krieket seisoen in Grabouw skop af



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STAFF WRITER

Die was die perfekte sonskyn dag vir die krieket seisoen om af te skop. Plaaslike wedstryde het op Saterdag, 30 Oktober 2021 om 10:00 begin.

Spanne in dié liga is van Elgin, Grabouw, Villiersdorp, Botrivier, Swellendam en Caledon.

Die Grabouw-krieketklub het 'n moeilike begin teen 'n vasberade

Villiersdorp-krieketklub by Hoërskool Groenberg se krieketveld gehad. Die tuisspan se boudwerk was effens los en het die besoekers toegelaat om 'n stewige 254 lopies aan te teken. 'n Telling wat die Grabouw-span vanaf die eerste bal onder druk sou plaas en hulle was onsuksesvol in hul lopies jaagtog. Egter op Saterdag 13 November het die Grabouw-krieketklub wel hul eerste oorwinning van die seisoen teen Swellendam 2 span aangeteken. M.Du

Toit het Swellendam 2 op 'n afstand gehou met boudsyfers van 4 paaltjies, 50 lopies in 9 boudbeurte. Die kolfheld was M.Erasmus met sy blitsige 137 lopies beurte en M. Du Toit het met 'n waardevolle 47 lopies ingeskiet om die span nader aan die oorwinning te stuur.

Intussen is die Elgin Krieket besig om die klub te herbou en die jeug te ontwikkel. Hulle het die Caledon-krieketklub aangebied en het die eerste wedstryd op Molteno gespeel. Hul

aanvangspaar, John Pypers en Ronald Basson, is spelers met gestremdhede.

Albei gaan volgende maand deelneem aan Boland T20 vir spelers met gestremdhede in Kroonstad. Verlede week se wedstryd teen Swellendam 2 het Ronald Basson boudsyfers van 7 wickets vir 54 runs.

Gister se wedstryd was teen Kleinmond-krieketklub se eerste span. Kleinmond KK het eerste gekolf en 165 aangeteken. Elgin KK kon egter

nie die telling afslaan nie maar dit was 'n goeie dag saam hul jeugdige spelers in die span. Die jeug was uitstekend in die veld en definitief goeie potensiaal getoon. Elgin KK is besig om te bou en glo 'Rome was nie binne 'n dag gebou nie'. So hulle het 'n 3 jaar plan om die klub en spelers te ontwikkel tot 'n sterk eenheid.

Saterdag, 20 November, is dit Derby tussen Grabouw KK en Elgin KK. Die westryd gaan op Molteno plaasvind.

TWK Rugby toernooi a groot sukses

STAFF WRITER

Die Theewaterskloof 7s Toernooi gehou Saterdag op 06 November 2021, het op Villiersdorp plaasgevind.

Daar het 5 klubs deelgeneem van Caledon, Villiersdorp, Safcol, Riviersonderend en Grabouw.

Alle spanne het teen mekaar gespeel end die klubs wat die meeste punte vir en teen aangeteken het, het die finaal gespeel. Die klubs wat die

derde en vierde meeste punte vir en teen aangeteken het, het vir die plaat gespeel. Die vyfde klub het outomaties uitgeval.

Grabouw en Villiersdorp het vir derde en vierde plek gespeel waar Grabouw met 45 teen 14 gewen het.

Die finaal was tussen Caledon en Safcol waar Caledon met 10 - 7 gewen het.

Hierdie 7s toernooi in streke van Boland was 'n inisiatief van Boland uitvoerende bestuur.



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