



Remarks by the **EXECUTIVE MAYOR**



Save Water through Water Conservation, as Water is Life

Dear Ratepayer

The drought situation that is gripping our country is very serious especially with the dropping levels of the rivers. An advisory from the South African Weather Service for October 2016 to February 2017 indicates that the forecasting system favours a gradual improvement of chances for above-normal rainfall conditions toward the mid-summer season. However, the uncertainty level remains fairly high with a marginal confidence since most of those climate systems that govern our region are not clearly manifested in favour of the forecast's expectation.

I would really like to implore all of us to work with the municipality in ensuring that we save our water resources. Our municipality is already busy with a process to mitigate the situation through several interventions. These include but not limited to drawing less water from the Vaal river, fixing burst pipes, reducing the amounts spend on watering public gardens. It is common knowledge that we have been instructed to curtail our usage by 15% by the Department of Sanitation and Water Affairs. I'm also delighted to announce that Council has approved a Water Restriction Policy recently. This will enable us to restrict

water usage while at the same time deliberating on special tariff that will be used as a deterrent to those not heading the call to save water.

Our new policy has five stages of which the first stage is for sensible use of water which compels even numbered business and houses to water their gardens on even numbered days while odd numbered properties may do so on odd numbered days. The target is 20% percent non-essential water reduction. Stage two restriction is aimed at 40% reduction for non-essential use while the use of water for gardening is between 6pm and 6am, as in the case of stage one. The stage three restriction is aimed at 70% non-essential water reduction, while watering will only be to prevent long term vegetation damage. Stage four allows usage only for essential public health purposes and the last stage five bans all non-essential water use. These restrictions will apply to all users that we supply and those in breach will be warned, issued with non-compliance fines or be prosecuted and fined in the case of repeat transgressors.



Africana Library Trust benefits from NLC (National Lotteries Commission)

The Africana Library Trust is pleased to announce that the National Lotteries Commission has allocated the sum of R1,770,223.40 (one million seven hundred and seventy thousand two hundred and twenty three rand and forty cents) to the Kimberley Africana Library Trust. The approved items which the grant will fund, are the presentation of a hands-on Conservation Workshop, the installation of world class smoke detectors for the Library, a high class conservation sealer equipment for conservation purposes and the completion of the digitization of our local newspaper, the Diamond Fields Advertiser.

The Africana Trust has benefited greatly from the NLC over the past few years and the funding has made it possible for the Africana Research Library to reach many of its goals in housing and saving very valuable heritage documents.

The National Lottery Commission (NLC) relies on funds from the proceeds of the National Lottery. The Lotteries Act guides the way in which NLC funding may be allocated. The intention of NLC funding is to make a difference to the lives of all South Africans, especially those more vulnerable and to improve the sustainability of the beneficiary organisations. Available funds are distributed to registered and qualifying non-profit organisations in the fields of charities; arts, culture and national heritage; and sport and recreation. By placing its emphasis on areas of greatest need and potential, the NLC contributes to South Africa's development.



Vector Control Services

The Sol Plaatje Municipality has a dedicated section that deals primarily with eradication and identification of vectors their habitats and breeding places. We conduct Vector Control in the interest of public health, including control of Killer bees, arthropods, molluscs, rodents and other alternative hosts of diseases.

For Enquiries please contact 053 8306251



Clean Administration Award



Sol Plaatje Municipality was awarded a clean administration award for most improved audit outcomes at the Annual CIGFARO (Chartered Institute of Government, Finance, Audit and Risk Officers), conference held at the Durban ICC this year (previously known as IMFO).

This award is presented to a municipality that has shown significant improvement in the area of clean administration over the past number of years.

The focus is not only on audit outcomes, but also on timely submission of all the legislated reports, as well as producing a quality, credible and funded annual budget.

Coming from a history of disclaimed audit opinions, Sol Plaatje Municipality has excelled in all of the mentioned areas and managed to obtain a unqualified audit opinion for 2014/15 financial year.

The award is evidence of the hard work and commitment of the municipal finance team.



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