

# SOL PLAATJE MUNICIPALITY




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## MEDIA STATEMENT

**TO:** ALL MEDIA

**EMBARGO:** NONE (FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE)

**DATE:** THURSDAY, 03 APRIL 2025

**RE: VENUE CHANGE FOR DIAMONDS & DORINGS MUSIC FESTIVAL  
2025**

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The Sol Plaatje Municipality, in consultation with the appointed service provider for the Diamonds & Dorings Music Festival 2025, Exilite Holdings Pty Ltd, has reached the decision to change the venue for this year's event.

The festival, previously announced to be hosted at Langleg Resort, will now be held at the **Diamond Oval Cricket Stadium in Cassandra**, Kimberley.

### *Heavy Rainfall Impact and Flooding Mitigation Efforts*

This decision is based on critical data from the Department of Water and Sanitation concerning the rising water levels of the Vaal River and its connected dam systems. Due to sustained heavy rainfall across the country, water levels at both the Vaal Dam and Bloemhof Dam have surged significantly.

To reduce the risk of flooding, authorities have begun controlled water releases, including the opening of sluice gates. In response to this situation, the Flood Monitoring and Forecasting System (FMFS) team has recommended opening a third sluice gate at the Vaal Dam on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 12:00 PM.

This measure is necessary to accommodate increased upstream inflows. Currently, the Vaal Dam is at 107.3% of its capacity, with inflows at 433.6 cubic meters per second and releases at 261 cubic meters per second. The anticipated outflow following this adjustment is expected to rise to 400 cubic meters per second.

### ***Public Safety Enforcement***

Given these hydrological conditions, the risk of potential flooding at Langleg Resort is high. The municipality, prioritizing public safety and event sustainability, has therefore taken the precautionary measure to relocate the festival to the **Diamond Oval Cricket Stadium**.

This alternative venue ensures an uninterrupted and secure experience for all festivalgoers while maintaining the vibrant spirit of the Diamonds & Dorings Music Festival.

### ***Looking Forward to Your Support***

The Municipality acknowledges the historical significance of Langleg Resort as the festival's traditional venue and appreciates the understanding and cooperation of all stakeholders, artists, and vendors. We trust that the decision to relocate the venue will be met with approval from all parties involved.

The municipality and its partners remain committed to delivering a world-class festival and are looking forward to welcoming all patrons to the **Diamond Oval Cricket Stadium**.

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