From the Mayor's Desk
Dear Reader,

The Executive Mayor, Eleanore Bouw-Spies and Knysna Municipality extend their heartfelt sympathies to the families who have lost their loved ones in the recent fires, and to those who have lost properties. The Mayor acknowledges that it must be painful and difficult to lose one's life possessions in such a horrific manner.

During this tragedy the community banded together, and for this the Mayor and the Municipality thanks all.

The fires are now under control and fire crews are constantly monitoring the situation. The Municipality has established Working Groups and are currently conducting various assessments, collecting data and re-establishing infrastructure services as quickly as possible within Greater Knysna. These groups are addressing social issues, ensuring that the affected families are assisted where needed.

In closing the Mayor said: "Our thoughts are with all those affected by this devastating event and we thank each and everyone who has contributed to alleviating the difficulties faced by our communities during this time."

Knysna Executive Mayor, Eleanore Bouw-Spies

BUILDING RUBBLE DUMP SITE
The Knysna Municipality has secured a builders' rubble waste disposal site on privately owned land off the Simola/Blacksand Heights Road for the next six months.

It is important to note that no hazardous materials such as chemicals and asbestos will be allowed to be dumped on this site.

To get to the dump site, take the Simola Hotel (Salt River) turn-off from the N2 and follow the road until it becomes a dirt road. The tip site is 575m along the gravel road on the left-hand side...

Operating hours:
Monday to Thursday 08h00 – 16h00
Friday 08h00 – 15h00
Saturday 08h00 – 13h00

The site charges R25 excluding VAT per cubic meter; Sorting of mixed loads R325 per cubic meter and LOV R40 excluding VAT.

Enviroserve, an accredited contractor, deals with hazardous waste, may be contacted on 041 466 9621 / 041 466 3742 and/or 072 593 9808. Disposal of Hazardous material will be quantified and estimated then charge out to client by the dump site.

Further information or details regarding the dump site contact 079 194 3616 / 083 305 0343.

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MUNICIPAL MEETINGS
28 June
Community Services Meeting
29 June
Finance Governance & Committee Meeting
30 June
Technical Services Meeting
27 July
Mayoral Committee Meeting

OFFICIAL BANKING DETAILS FOR THE KNYSNA DISASTER RELIEF:
Nedbank
Account Name: Emergency Fund
Account number: 14K920699
Branch code: 198 765
Reference: KnysnaFire
International donations: NES25AQ

FIRE DATABASE SURVEY
Residents who have suffered fire damage to their properties are encouraged to report their damage via the following survey. All the information will be captured addressing official Municipal database for processing: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R850FGV
Businesses may register damaged property on this link: www.surveymonkey.com/r/KZ59W145

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