The water situation in the greater Knysna Municipal area has reached critical levels, with reserves of this precious resource dwindling day by day.

**Ward Focus: Ward 9, Councillor: Mark Willemsen**

The community of Ward 9 actively participated in the Water Management Plan process. The following has been achieved:

- In November 2015 an emerging contractor was appointed for both cleaning (vegetation) in Road 69 Street, Horneks Klip. The project, which amounted to R31 500, was implemented for environmental and safety reasons.

**Ward Projects bettering the lives of our people**

**Council’s Ward Project programme continues to better the lives of Knysna’s communities.**

**The Green Column**

In order to reduce our waste-to-landfill volumes Knysna Municipality employs a multi-bag system for disposal of household refuse.

Clear bags are available free of charge to all residents for the disposal of recyclable waste, which is collected and taken to a recycling facility.

The following general categories of waste can be disposed/deposited in these bags:

- Dry paper and cardboard products
- Clear/transparent plastics products
- Clean/rinsed tins & cans
- Clean/rinsed glass

Only blue bags purchased from the Customer Care Centre may be used for garden refuse.

The purchase price covers the cost of transportation to a composting site.

**Update on Expanded Public Works Programme**

The Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) is a government initiative which is aimed at reducing the levels of poverty and unemployment in communities. This is achieved by:

- giving unemployed people access to temporary work;
- assisting unemployed people through skills programmes and work experience;
- ensuring that unemployed people receive an allowance for any work they have completed as part of the EPWP;
- enhancing EPWP participants’ chances of finding jobs or starting their own businesses.

One hundred individuals have been employed in the greater Knysna municipal area since July 2016. Community members were placed in different sectors and worked on various projects which received a total budget of R970 000.

**The breakdown of the projects is as follows:**

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**DRTES TO REMEMBER - MUNICIPAL MEETINGS 2016**

24 March 2016

Ordinary Council Meeting

19 April 2016

Finance Committee

24 March 2017

Ordinary Council Meeting

7 April 2017

IPWP Translocation Service Blood Drive

25 March 2016

Good Friday