Krynna Municipality celebrates the living heritage of its residents with new DVD

Krynna Municipality’s new documentary film, _The Living Heritage of Krynna_, will soon be available to view at the Krynna Museum in Queen Street. Krynna Municipal Manager Lauren Waring explained that the film will serve to give visitors to our town a different perspective on not only Krynna’s history, but also on the people who live here. “And, of course, we invite all our residents to view this insightful documentary once the viewing room is ready,” she said.

“The film features six senior citizens of Krynna, recounting their stories and histories as it relates to the development of the town. It also pays special tribute to Mr Perieka Malata, who played an integral role in the development of education within our black community.”

“Not only does this film capture these important stories, preserving this oral record of the elders, it also acknowledges the hardships certain people had to endure in order to make a living for themselves and their families in a pre-1994 South Africa,” said Waring. “The film also showcases Krynna’s beautiful surroundings from the indigenous forest to the Cape fynbos and from the estuary to the ocean. It is one of the most exciting and positive projects undertaken by Krynna Municipality.”

Community Services Chairperson Councillor Irene Grootboom said that she was highly impressed with how the town had embraced its subject matter. “We have to remember our older generations and what they went through during the early development of our town.”

The Living Heritage of Krynna discusses various aspects of Krynna’s history, ranging from the woodworkers of old and how timber was processed in the forest before it made the arduous journey to town, to boatbuilding in the Thesen’s boatyard on Thesen Island.

“It touches on the gold nub, the Italian settlement outside Gouna and the schools of old such as the Eastford Secondary School. It also pays tribute to the natural beauty of the greater Krynna municipal area and, as all of the locations featured in the film are open to the public and easily accessible, it also serves as an invaluable promotional tool for tourism in our area,” Waring continued. “And all of these important aspects of our town are related through the personal stories of the people telling them.”

Councillor Grootboom invited the local schools to contact the municipality to arrange viewings for their learners. “We must ensure that our children know where they come from, and understand their forbearers’ contributions in the development of our town, as well as its society.”

“As we strive towards a town where people and nature prosper, we must plan for the future property of our people. But we can only plan correctly if we remember where we come from,” Grootboom concluded.

The film was sent for adjudication for the Canadian Film Festival.

Upcoming Events

- World Teachers Day: 5 Oct
- National Marine Week: 6 - 10 Oct
- Governance & Economic Development Committee Meeting: 7 Oct
- Finance Committee Meeting: 8 Oct
- World Mental Health Day: 10 Oct
- Krynna October Fest: 10 - 11 Oct
- Community Services Meeting: 14 Oct
- Planning Development & Infrastructure Committee Meeting: 15 Oct
- World Food Day: 16 Oct
- Pennypinchers / Lions Karoo to Coast Mountain Bike Challenge: 21 Oct
- Mayoral Committee Meeting: 23 Oct
- Feet for Food Charity Fun Walk: 24 Oct
- Stepping Stones School Annual Fun Run: 25 Oct
- Beer Festival (Scarab Village): 25 - 26 Oct

Celebrating Heritage Month

September is Heritage Month with Heritage Day on the 24th. This year, the theme for Heritage Month is “Celebrating 20 Years of Democracy: Tell Your Story That Moves South Africa Forward.” Krynna Executive Mayor Geolene Wolmarans believes the municipality’s new DVD, _The Living Heritage of Krynna_, is quite apt regarding this year’s theme. “Remembering your heritage is about remembering where you come from. ‘The best way to remember where you come from,’” said Wolmarans, “is to know where you are today and where you are going tomorrow. For me, the best way to realize this is by spending quality time with my family. Let us create platforms to tell our stories and reconnect the community with collectively rich and diverse heritage.”

Crime in Krynna

Krynna Executive Mayor, Geolene Wolmarans will be having an urgent high level engagement with senior officials of the SAPS to discuss issues around Crime in Krynna in early October.

Have your say: IDP mid-year review underway

The mid-year review of the Krynna Integrated Development Plan (IDP) is currently underway. Public participation meetings will be scheduled for October and November in all wards of the Krynna municipal area. The mid-year review will reflect on completed projects, those that are still outstanding and the way forward. A detailed schedule of the meetings will be published in the media and other platforms shortly. Please join in!

Liquid by-law

Businesses and residents must keep an eye on the media for the proposed new by-law relating to the control of outlets that sell liquor to the public. This will also contain the proposed new liquor trading hours.

Women in the Green Economy and Business Skills Workshop

Basic Entrepreneurial Skills Development (BESD) hosted “A Women in the Green Economy and Business Skills” Workshop on 4 September 2014 at the Krynna Town Library. Developing business women of Krynna gained valuable knowledge on entrepreneurial opportunities in the green economy. The overall goal of BESD is to improve the sustainability of micro enterprises; improve the prospects of income generation; and create new jobs.

Homeless people

A recent audit has shown an increase in the number of homeless people and street children. Council’s Social Development Unit is currently in talks with the municipalities of George and Bitou to understand their operation of night shelters for homeless people and facilities for street children.

HAYE YOU SAVED WATER THIS MONTH?

Residents and businesses are reminded to consciously save water. Our resources are under severe strain due to a very dry winter. Law Enforcement Officers will be on patrol in all areas and those abusing water will be fined. Please report any leakages or abuse of water to 044 302 6331. Visit the municipality’s website http://www.knysna.gov.za/be-water-wise/ for tips on saving water. Contact us:

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The Living Heritage of Krynna

The Living Heritage of Krynna is a time when South Africans of all ages are encouraged to celebrate the beauty and importance of trees. People from all aspects of the community are urged to get involved in the project, educate and made aware of the benefits of the many different aspects of indigenous trees and forests.

Garden Route National Park, Krynna Working for Water and Krynna Municipality came together to form a dynamic Arbour Week team this year during National Arbour Week.

The Arbour week team visited ten different venues in Knysna, Greenfields, Concordia, Homestead and Brackenhill during the week. The focus was on planting in creches and clinics in the community this year.

Where teams visited creches, little ones were brought into the loop and helped to plant and name their trees. They also learned why trees are so important and how to care for them.

During National Arbour Week 2014 the Krynna Arbour Week team planted a record breaking 120 trees at various venues throughout Krynna! The team wishes to thank the Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries for their donation of 100 trees as well as all of the venues for receiving and looking after their Arbor Week trees.

Historically, South Africa has not had a culture of tree planting and it was not until the 1970s that a real need to promote tree planting was recognised. The concept of a National Arbor Day ensued from 1973 Green Heritage Campaign. Following requests from various bodies, the then Department of Forestry obtained approval in 1982 to establish National Arbor Day, which has been in place countrywide since 1983.

Arbour Week:

- promotes a better knowledge of trees, particularly indigenous trees;
- stresses the necessity for everyone to plant trees and care for them;
- highlights the vital role of trees in our lives; and
- contributes to the achievement of a green, d i g n i f i e d a n d h e a l t h y environment in all parts of South Africa.

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Krynna resident Bettie Moos (left) told parts of her incredible story (pic supplied by Melaney Barrath: SANParks)