**Ward Focus: Ward 6, Councillor: Clive Witbooi**

Including the areas of Horney, Sunridge, Milain, Donkerboo, Horney Ext, Katanga

**Upgraded of Sports Facilities**

With the prevalent drug and gang-related problems with which our community is beset, Council has using sports facilities as a priority. Sport is at the heart of our community. It not only creates team spirit but helps to keep young people off the streets. So the Municipality of the Horney sports field started in October 2014 and approximately R400 000 was spent in re-surfacing the playing field. The facility was officially opened in June last year and I hope that our youth will not only use this facility, but also enjoy it. The Horney Community Hall and Library were also finished earlier this year.

**Strongen Democracy through Public Participation**

Members of this community have shown great interest in the development of their community and play an active role in the public participation processes. In response to some of the requests raised through the IDP process, the following has been achieved:

- The maintenance of the Horney playpark and construction of a Bridge in Horney Primary School were considered as one project and R2 740 000 was utilized
- Through the Expanded Public Works Program (EPWP), 13 community members received temporary employment. They were employed to assist Technical Services with paving of roads, maintenance of the play-park, and improvement of the Horney Primary School Bridge.
- In the 2014/15 financial year R 144 996 was spent on paving of Hululani Road in Nekkies West
- The previously requested project study to be constructed on some street bends and this is currently in the planning phase. Construction work is expected to commence in February 2016.

**horney Bathroom Project**

I am thrilled by this project, which kicked off earlier this year. Some of the first government houses in Horney still had external bathrooms and after consultation with residents, 275 individual dwellings were determined to be upgraded. New bathrooms including the current housing structure will be built and the project is funded by the Department of Human Settlements.

**Economic Development Department hosts Basic Skills Business Programme**

The Economic Development Department of the Greater Knysna area, in October, saw the opening of the Basic Skills Business Training held at Knysna Town Library and Sennakele Community Hall from 15 – 20 October. Forty one entrepreneurs completed the course and received their certificates.

The Department also arranged for a Market Day to be held at the Sennakele Mall in Nekkies on the 3rd of October. The entrepreneurs and issues of support of the Market Day were officially welcomed by Ward 3 Cllr. Miguel Leon. 19 entrepreneurs attended and proudly exhibited and marketed their various businesses.

The SARS Tax Workshop was held at Horney Library from 29 – 30 September. The aim of the workshop was to provide taxpayers with information that would create a basic understanding of the various tax laws. How these laws base and what is expected of taxpayers in order to be tax compliant are at all times. All participants were happy to receive the training and by the end of the various workshops they will be able to identify their new-found knowledge in tax compliance.

**Water Restrictions Still in Place**

The use of hoses for gardening and other purposes and the use of irrigation systems are permitted from 1700 to 1800h until the end of November. From December, watering times will change to 0800 to 1800h until May. Saturdays and Wednesdays for residents with odd street numbers and Tuesday, Thursdays and Saturdays for residents with odd street numbers.