



## **MEDIA RELEASE 2**

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### **Knyana Fire Update Saturday**

#### **FIRE STATUS**

On Friday night through to Saturday morning, we confirm that 150 people in Fairview and Gansvlei have been evacuated.

Today, as a precautionary measure Brenton and Buffels Kop residents were evacuated.

Residents are requested not to return to evacuated areas until these have been evaluated and declared safe.

#### **WATER STATUS**

The dam level is currently at 31%. Residents are asked to continue to conserve water and to stay within the daily usage quota of 400 litres per household. The supply to the CBD is being built up at the reservoir. We are working on restoring resources levels in Concordia North, Pezula, Eastford, Simola, Edameni, Brenton-On-Sea, White Location / Robololo and Knyana Heights.

The areas of Rykmanshoogte and Fraaisig as well as Belvidere and Brenton may experience temporary cut-offs of their water supply while repairs are being done to burst pipes.

#### **ELECTRICITY STATUS**

The Western Head and Eastford Pump stations are high priority as these will have a positive impact on water security. Overhead lines were damaged in the areas of Lower Welbedacht, Dam se Bos and various localised areas. Eskom is assisting in repairing damages. Three contractors are available dealing with electrical faults on main supply line, access to certain areas is problematic but is prioritised.

#### **HUMANITARIAN AID**

Water has been issued to the Brenton, Belvidere and Northern Areas. Food and water has been sent to Buffalo Bay. We continue to appeal to people able to donate that we require sealed 5 litre bottles of water, mattresses, sleeping bags and small home appliances (kettles, can openers etc). These can be delivered to the following drop-off points:

- The Old Municipality Building Basement at the bottom of Spring Street
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor parking level above Checkers

Gift of the Givers has supported 17 centres where displaced residents are taking refuge. The will continue to coordinate delivery of donations and medical supplies throughout Greater Knysna.

Those requiring medical attention are asked to go to the temporary medical point in Loerie Park. Community members must continue to liaise with the SAPS in terms of emergency services that may be required.

## **EVACUATION UPDATE**

Please note that ONLY the following evacuated areas and buildings have been declared safe to return to:

- Green Pastures
- The Epilepsy Centre
- Knysna Prison
- The Provincial Hospital Hostel
- Hospital Hill (Nissan)
- Leeuwenbosch
- Rheenendal
- Belvedere
- Belvedere Heights
- Rhobololo
- Fisherhaven
- Pezula Hotel
- The Heads
- Hunter's Home

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