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KNYSNA FIRE UPDATE SUNDAY EVENING

"Today was a Good Day"

The Knysna Municipality is pleased to say that the fires that have held Greater Knysna hostage for the past 6 days are all contained.

No areas needed to be evacuated today and only Buffels Kop residents, who were evacuated on Saturday, 10 July, are currently being housed in the Hornlee Civic Centre. Thankfully all other displaced residents have now found refuge with their friends and family, which must be offering them comfort following the trauma of fleeing from the fires.

Once again, the Knysna Municipality extends its heartfelt thanks to the brave firefighters and logistics experts, #KnysnaFireHeros, volunteers and all the charitable donations that have been flooding into Knysna from across South Africa.

Although many structures have been destroyed, Knysna remains open for business with more tourist establishments escaping the horror than those destroyed.

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