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Karatara residents receive home ownership

Knysna Executive Mayor Georlene Wolmarans, ceremonially handed over title deeds of 38 Karatara homes to their audited and legal occupiers.

At the ceremony held on Thursday evening, March 11 in Karatara, Ms Wolmarans said, “There is a great difference in living in a house and being able to call it your own. I am pleased to be here once again and handover these important documents. These title deeds give you a sense of ownership as they prove that you are the legal owner of your property.”

Ms Wolmarans emphasised the importance of the title deeds, “This is a document that should be treasured and looked after as it does not only prove legal ownership but it is also quite costly to receive. I am sure you are all aware of the importance to rightfully and legally own property, to have it in writing that your home legally belongs to you.”

She closed of the ceremony by congratulating all the recipients, “Congratulations to each and everyone who are receiving their title deeds. Today serves as the recognition of your right to own property and it serves as recognition that you are as of today a legal home owner.”

This is the second time that Knysna Municipality handed over title deeds to Karatara residents. In 2014 the Executive Mayor handed over 100 title deeds in the community. The welfare village of Karatara was developed by the national government on state owned land in the 1940s. Housing was provided to the timber workers at very low rental and the surveyor-general approved a general plan for the town in 1987. The area was known as Bosdorp and used to be a forestry station in the 1920s, but also became a settlement for forestry workers in the 1940s. The land comprising the town of Karatara was transferred to the local municipality of Knysna in May 2008.

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