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### **Knysna Municipality Build reservoir**

The municipality commenced with building a brand new Reservoir in Dam-se-Bos. The R 5.3 million project funded by Integrated Human Settlement Provincial Department is expected to be completed by June 2016.

Knysna Executive Mayor Georlene Wolmarans explained that the old Reservoir's capacity could not keep up with the increasing number of households. "The Northern Areas of Knysna have been growing rapidly over the last decade. The old Reservoir is currently serving Dam-se-Bos, Oupad, Nekkie and Hlalani. It is under severe pressure due to the high water demand and the population growth."

The first phase of the project entails the construction of a new 1.5 megalitre circular reinforced concrete reservoir. The second phase includes a route crossing the N2 for the water main and a sewer main line as per the recommendations of the Environmental Assessment that was conducted.

"Infrastructure development is on our top priority list as it allows newly formed and growing communities to receive service delivery. Quality infrastructure can lead to a better future for people of Knysna as they will receive better services and also paves the way for more projects for integrated human settlements to transpire. We will continue in our efforts to build a town conducive to improving the quality of life of residents and creating a town where people prosper."

"We are in the midst of the worst drought in decades. It has been confirmed that 2015 was the driest year on record. Water is a very scarce resource and that is the reason we plead with residents to continue to use water sparingly throughout the hot and dry summer months. Using water wisely will not only save you money on your water and energy bills but it will also help to extend the life of the existing supply of water and of our wastewater facilities".

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