



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Temporary housing for Fire Victims**

As the holiday season fast approaches many victims of the horrific Knysna Fires of 7 June need to vacate their temporary accommodation to make way for pre-booked holiday makers.

Although most victims have made arrangements for alternate temporary accommodation for the upcoming holiday season, there are still two options for those who are still struggling.

The Knysna Municipality would like to remind fire victims that they may erect a temporary structure on their fire destroyed properties. "All they need to do is contact our Acting Control Officer, Mr Ricardo Pedro on 044 302 6249 or email [rpedro@knysna.gov.za](mailto:rpedro@knysna.gov.za) or the building Control officer, Mr Randolph Dames on [rdaames@knysna.gov.za](mailto:rdaames@knysna.gov.za) to receive the necessary permission," said Christopher Bezuidenhout, Knysna municipal spokesperson.

He added: "Should a fire victim not own property, but is still in need of temporary accommodation over the holiday season, we suggest they call Gerhard Pepler on 082 759 5962. Mr Pepler will be able to assist with short-term camp sites at the Wittedrift High School over the upcoming holiday season."

The Knysna Municipality, together with the Garden Route Rebuild Initiative extend their heartfelt thanks to Wittedrift High School and the many businesses and property owners who have opened their homes to those left destitute after the devastating fire.

Following the disastrous fires, the office of Western Cape Premier, Helen Zille established the Garden Route Rebuild Initiative to assist with the rehabilitation of the area.

For further information on the work being done by this initiative, visit their website [www.gardenrouterebuild.co.za](http://www.gardenrouterebuild.co.za).

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