LEVEL 3 WATER RESTRICTIONS IMPLEMENTED

Level 3 Water Restrictions have been implemented by the Knysna Municipality with immediate effect. This new level of restrictions has resulted by greater Knysna residents not adhering to the call to reduce their water usage. In the past week alone Sedgefield's target water usage of 1,4ML/day was exceeded with the area utilising 2,2ML/day. Knysna's target of 8ML/day was ignored and residents used a whopping 12,4ML/day. Added to this extensive overuse, the low flow of Greater Knysna rivers that feed the Glabe and Akkerkloof Dam (which is currently 96% full) and the Sedgefield reservoir has necessitated this Level 3 water restriction. Residents' and businesses' water usage will now be closely monitored and those using in excess of the norms and standards will need to install water management devices to reduce this non-compliance. It must be noted that if Greater Knysna does not reduce its water consumption, Level 4 restrictions could be implemented, resulting in the closing of water valves, to be opened through a roaming area according to a three hour based timetable. In essence Greater Knysna will be facing water outages.

We appeal to all residents and businesses to reduce their consumption with immediate effect and thank those residents that already practice water saving techniques.

For further tips on how to save water please visit the Municipal Website on www.knysna.gov.za

THE KNYSNA MUNICIPALITY WELCOMES MBULELO MEMANI INTO THEIR FOLD AS THE NEW CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (CFO)

Memani, whose contract started on March 1, is well qualified to head the Finance Department as Director. He brings with him a wealth of financial management qualifications and experience. His impressive academic qualifications include a Post Graduate Diploma in Internal Audit, BCom (Municipal Accounting), a certificate from WITS Business School in Municipal Development Finance, Certificates from the Research Based Institution affiliated to University of Cape Town in Municipal Budgeting and Reporting Cycle and Principles of Budgeting within a Municipality.

(More information about Mr Memani is available on our website).

ANTI-RACISM WEEK

Our Mayor, Eleanore Bouw-Spies signed the Pledge Against Racism showing her support for Anti-Racism Week. This initiative, hosted by the Anti-Racism Network South Africa, kicked off on 11 March and ended on Human Rights Day, Tuesday 21 March, a day also marked globally as the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Having worked through this initiative, she would like to remind all of the words of our great Madiba: “No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.”

Spread the love and continue to be kind to one another.

KNYSNA'S SLOW FESTIVAL

will be screened at Knsyna Secondary School on Friday, April 21 at 18:30. This preview will be paired with a cheese and wine function. Tickets cost R100 and are available at the German shop as well as Concordia High & Primary, Chris Nissen, Fraaing, Honeyride, Rheenendal, Smutsvlei, Sunridge, Tamboti, Tertiary Primary, Knysna Secondary and Percy Mdala High schools.

In celebration of Human Rights Month, we at the Knysna Municipality have embarked on several initiatives, ensuring that the human rights of all Greater Knysna residents are taken care of.

Our Constitution, lauded as the best in the world, states that the fundamental rights of all South Africans will be protected and respected. Please make use of the various government bodies and offices that have been set up to ensure that these rights are protected.

Should any one of your rights be violated, feel free to report the matter to one of the following bodies: South African Human Rights Commission; Independent Complaints Directorate; Public Protector; Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration; Commission on Gender Equality and the Office of the Consumer Protector.

Human rights should not only be celebrated and brought to the fore during Human Rights Month, but should be on our minds every single day. Thus I urge each one of you to be kind to one another and help those who are unable to help themselves.

Eleanore Bouw-Spies