South Africa’s Springboks are the 2019 Rugby World Cup champions! Congratulations to the players on bringing the cup home again. Whether you are a rugby enthusiast or not, you cannot deny the sense of camaraderie or ‘ubuntu’ – still present throughout our country and our towns because of this win.

When congratulating the Bobbies after the match, former Springbok Harry and 7 virtually think that rugby has the ability to unite everyone around the world, and I could not find a reason that a nation needs more than you to unite with the opposition agreement with the police. Sport has the ability to bring members of a community together and, on a local level, the residents of Greater Knysna have come together through supporting their sporting heroes.

Knysna has a lot to feel proud of as our sons and daughters represent us on the global sporting stage. 24-year-old Nwariwailcelo, who plays for the Bulls in Super Rugby, were the green and gold as a member of the 2019 World Cup squad. Lung time member of the SWD - and local Titans Women’s Rugby Academy team, 12-year-old Preno Pogam made her debut as a member of the Springbocks Women’s team in September. D’aktor School teacher Alome Canny represented South Africa in the 15km and 50km freestyle swimming events at the Junior World Championships held in Hungary in August. And, also from D’aktor School, Blake Govender has been selected to join the Protea E-sports team when they participate in the International E-Sport Federation’s 12th World Championships in South Korea in December.

I am so proud of you girls and boys. You have worked hard and I am so grateful to you for all you have done this year. The nature of my job is to be there to support you and your dreams. The end of 2019 is coming towards us. Make the most of the remaining weeks to finish the year like the Bobbies finished their final match.

Best wishes for December. Dr Sterbeen Vatala, Knysna Municipal Manager

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**APPLICATIONS FOR MAYORAL BURSARY FUND NOW OPEN**

Students who are currently studying at tertiary or TVET institutions, as well as Grade 12 learners, are now invited to apply for financial assistance towards further studies in 2020. Grants are restricted to full-time students and attendance at SAQA accredited tertiary or TVET institutions. South African citizens residing in the greater Knysna Municipal Area are eligible to apply.

Applications are available from the Municipal Offices in Culey Street and the municipality’s Youth Offices during normal office hours, or on the municipal website at www.knysna.gov.za/government/mayors-office/grants/; or from the Director: Technical Services. Applicants will be informed of the outcome.

**Domestic grease trap**

• report water leaks and water abuse to 044 302 6331 (o/h) or 060 998 7000.
• or the use of hose pipes for gardening and other purposes, and the use of irrigation systems from the Director: Technical Services.
• or the use of tap water in public places. Customers should join today.

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A simple grease trap can be installed at home to prevent all grease and solids from going down the drain. A metre in the plug hole can capture a lot of solids, including solidified grease. Wipe the grease away with a paper towel and put the debris and paper towel in the compost. Natural oils and fats can be composted if your compost pot is suitable.

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