

Knysna Municipality shone during the 2018/2019 financial year.

Local municipalities are responsible for the delivery of many different services to their residents. According to Knysna Municipal Manager Dr Sitembele Vatala, many of these services are performed by the Technical Services Department. “Greater Knysna benefited tremendously from the work done by this team during the 2018/2019 financial year,” he said. “Especially in terms of ward allocation-, electrification-, roads- and capital projects.”

Ward allocation projects are identified and implemented at ward councillors’ discretion. “Equal funding is allocated to each ward councillor according to our Budget,” Vatala explained. “Electrification projects do not only address creating new connections, but also installing new and maintaining existing infrastructure. Roads- and capital projects maintain and improve our roads network and municipal infrastructure respectively.”

“We are proud of what we achieved during the previous financial year, “said Vatala. “And would like to look back on some of the highlights.”

Ward 1 (Smutsville, The Island, Myoli Beach, Sizamile and Rondevlei)

Ward Allocation Projects

Councillor Levael Davis spent R335 900 on speedbumps in Oestervanger-, Bitou- and Chestnut streets. Paving and a walkway were constructed towards Myoli Beach and retaining walls were built in Witbooi- and Montana streets.

Electrification Projects

90 connections were made in Slange Park, with 60 made throughout Skool Gaatjie and Beverly Hills and another 40 in Makapela Beverly Hills. The Sedgefield East Substation building was upgraded at a cost of R635 200.00.

Roads Projects

A section of Jan Van Riebeeck Street was resealed and 2,67km of streets were regavelled. Over 2km² of potholes were repaired and 5,299km of stormwater drains were cleaned.

Ward 2 (Central Sedgefield and Karatara)

Ward Allocation Projects

Councillor Cathy Weideman spent R112 000 on upgrades to the Protea Hall kitchen, Sedgefield Hall ablutions and kitchen and placement of guardrails within the ward.

Electrification Projects

Overhead lines were replaced with underground lines at R500, 000.00.

Roads Projects

6,9km’s were regavelled, sections of Bosbou-, Fraser- and George streets were resealed and almost 2,9km² of potholes were repaired. 3,865km of stormwater drains were cleaned.

Ward 3 (Dam-se-Bos and Nekkie)

Ward Allocation Projects

Retaining walls and access ramps were constructed to a spend of R182 000 by Councillor Mncedisi Skosana.

Electrification Projects

63 new connections were made in Blade Square, 10 in Noetzie and 20 in 7de Laan.

Roads Projects

5,1km of roads were regavelled and 2,6km of stormwater drains were cleaned.

Ward 4 (White Location, Greenfields, Qolweni, Brackenhill and Rhobololo)

Ward Allocation Projects

Councillor Sithembele Nggezu spent R35 000 on having new standpipes installed.

Electrification Projects

110 new connections were made in Rhobololo, 110 in Qolweni Phase 2 and 75 in Bloemfontein Phase 2.

Roads Projects

3,41km of roads were regavelled, 197m² of potholes were repaired and 5,217km of stormwater drains were cleaned.

Capital Projects

Just over R10,5m was earmarked for the Multi-Purpose Sport Centre in White Location.

Ward 5 (Belvidere, Brenton-on-Sea, Brenton-on-Lake, Rheenendal Central, Buffalo Bay and Bibbieshoek)

Ward Allocation Projects

Councillor Hilton Stroebel spent R299 400 on the upgrade of the Knysna Municipality Youth Centre and an outdoor gym with fencing.

Roads Projects

9,06km of roads were regavelled, 3,35km of roads were resealed, 1,337km² of potholes were repaired and 6,507km of stormwater drains were cleaned.

Ward 6 (Fraaisig, Rykmanshoogte, Stroebel, Protea, Heatherdale, South of Park-, Cawood-, Wing- and Shamrock streets, East of Knoetzie and Fontein- and Protea streets, and West of Harker Street)

Electrification Projects

A total of just over R6,2m was spent on the Oupad power upgrade and upgrading the Shamrock substation.

Roads Projects

60m of roads were regavelled and a section of Wing Street was resealed. 1,893km² of potholes were repaired and 16,324km of stormwater drains were cleaned.

Capital Projects

The Hornlee Sports Field was upgraded at just over R1,9m, while the Hornlee water reticulation system was upgraded at just under R1,05m.

Ward 7 (Portions of Flenters and Rhobololo, Khayaletu South and Khayaletu Valley, and Bongani)

Ward Allocation Projects

Councillor Mandla Matiwane had access ramps installed at R70 000.

Electrification Projects

102 new connections were made in Bongani Valley.

Roads Projects

590m of roads were regavelled, 149m² of potholes were repaired and 2,63km of stormwater drains were cleaned.

Capital Projects

Just under R7,4m was spent on upgrading the Khayaletu Library.

Ward 8 (Concordia and Joodsekamp)

Ward Allocation Projects

Councillor Thando Matika installed an outdoor gym with fencing and established a playpark at R272 000.

Electrification Projects

40 new connections were made in Endloveni and 40 in Ezweni.

Roads Projects

13,79km of roads were regavelled, 251m² of potholes were repaired and 4,309km of stormwater drains were cleaned.

Ward 9 (Pezula, Sparrebosch, The Heads, Hunter's Home, Leisure Isle, Thesen Island and Eastford)

Ward Allocation Projects

Councillor Willemse spent R253 000 on having CCTV cameras installed.

Roads Projects

139km of roads were regavelled and a total of 2,9km of roads were resealed. 7,38km² of potholes were repaired and 2,63km of stormwater drains were cleaned.

Capital Projects

Nearly R2,165m was spent on upgrading The Heads' water reticulation system, with just over R9,8m spent on upgrading the Knysna Wastewater Treatment Works.

Ward 10 (Eastford, Simola, Knysna Heights, Paradise, West of Long Street, East of Long Street, Costa Sarda, Old Place and North of Fitchat Street)

Ward Allocation Projects

Councillor Peter Myers spent R296 973 on Pledge Nature Reserve.

Electrification Projects

R2,95m was spent on the Eastford substation, phase 2.

Roads Projects

9,89km of roads were regavelled and 2,4km of roads were resealed. 8,351km² of potholes were repaired and 6,235km of stormwater drains were cleaned.

Capital Projects

The taxi rank's ablution facility was upgraded at nearly R2,31m and the transfer station was upgraded at just over R1,25m. The central business district's sewer system and -pump station were upgraded at just under R8,76m, the Gorman Rupp main sewer pump station was upgraded at R976,580.00, as was the Charlesford pumping scheme at just over R11,06m. Water pipes in the CBD were replaced at a cost of nearly R5,88m.

Ward 11 (Hlalani, Donkerhoek, Swarthout-, Rose- and Rooi Els streets, North of Sunridge-Wing-, Botha- and Geelhout streets, South of Sunridge- and Akker streets, East of Stanford- and Alexander streets, and West of Botha- and Oliphant streets)

Ward Allocation Projects

Councillor Donovan Pofadder spent R284 269 on the Hornlee Amphitheatre.

Roads Projects

60m of roads were regavelled and a section of Katriena Street was resealed. 562m² of potholes were repaired and 4,656km of stormwater drains were cleaned.

“In terms of Capital Projects, a further R2,185m was spent on the surfacing of gravel roads in wards 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7,” said Vatala. “Guardrails were placed in various wards at a cost of R229,020.00. Over R13,6m was spent on upgrading our bulk water supply system, with nearly R17m spent on the rollout of our water demand management devise programme.”

“It is of paramount importance to not only provide infrastructure of exceptional quality, but to maintain it,” he concluded. “It is a service we deliver to our residents, while the infrastructure also allows us to deliver other, equally important services. It is the continuous dedication and hard work of all municipal departments that ensures that we’ll make an innovate, inclusive and inspired Knysna. Their achievements during the previous financial year will only be overshadowed by those of the current financial year.”

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