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NOTICE: 2026/2027 FESTIVE SEASON OPERATING HOURS FOR CEMETERIES

The Knysna Municipality hereby informs residents and funeral service providers of the operating hours for our cemetery services during the Festive Season. These arrangements are in place to ensure continued service delivery while accommodating statutory public holidays.

CEMETERIES CLOSED FOR FUNERALS ON THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

- 16 December 2026
- 25 December 2026
- 1 January 2027

(Applies to Knysna, Rheenendal, and Karatara Cemeteries.)

VISITING HOURS & UNVEILINGS

Cemetery visiting hours and access arrangements:
- Monday to Sunday | 08h00 - 17h00

ACCESS ROUTES

On Saturdays, the Vigilance Drive entrance gate will be used from 09h00, with the Marlin Drive gate serving as the exit during funerals. From 14h00 to 17h00 on Saturdays, access will be through the Marlin Drive gate.

PAYMENT CUT-OFF DATES

To facilitate weekend funerals, payment cut-off times are as follows:

- Weekend of 19 December 2026: Payments must be made by 17 December 2026 at 12h00
- Weekend of 26 December 2026: Payments must be made by 24 December 2026 at 11h00
- Weekend of 02 January 2027: Payments must be made by 30 December 2026 at 11h00

SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTATION

All required documents must be emailed to dpotts@knysna.gov.za:
▪ Payment receipts ▪ Burial Orders
▪ Notification of Death (BI Forms)
▪ Death Certificates
▪ ID copies
▪ Birth Certificates

Original Burial Orders may be submitted before or on the morning of the funeral when entering the cemetery for grave preparation.

For any enquiries, please contact the Knysna Municipality's Cemetery Office during the above operating hours.

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ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER