

NEWSLETTER



BELLA VISTA TENNIS COURTS OFFICIALLY HANDED OVER:

The newly developed tennis courts in Bella Vista were officially handed over recently by Western Cape Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport, Ricardo Mackenzie, to Witzenberg Municipality's Executive Mayor, Cllr Trevor Abrahams, and the community. The project was made possible through R957 227,63 in funding from the Western Cape Government, benefiting residents of Wards 4 and 6. The new facility provides young people and the broader community with a dedicated space to participate in sport, develop their talents and enjoy healthy recreational activities.



**CLLR TREVOR ABRAHAMS
EXECUTIVE MAYOR**

From the Mayor's Desk

Good day All,

On 4 November, I encourage all to exercise your democratic right and make your mark. Every vote matters, and every resident has a role to play in shaping the future of our municipality. Remain informed, responsible and discerning.

As we move towards the final months of the year, Witzenberg Municipality remains firmly focused on delivering on our commitments. With the new municipal budget in place, we are on a positive roll, directing resources and spending towards projects and initiatives that will improve service delivery, strengthen our communities and create a better environment for residents and visitors alike.

I also appeal to everyone to continue using our precious water resources wisely and responsibly. Every drop saved today helps secure our water supply for tomorrow. Water security is a shared responsibility, and the small actions of each household, business and visitor can make a meaningful difference.

The months ahead also bring a variety of exciting events and activities aimed at showcasing our beautiful towns, supporting local businesses and boosting tourism across the Witzenberg region. I encourage residents and visitors to get involved, attend these events and support local wherever possible. By supporting local businesses, tourism establishments, farmers, artists, entrepreneurs and event organisers, we contribute directly to our local economy and the sustainability of our communities.

As we head towards the close of another busy year, I would like to thank our residents, businesses, community organisations, visitors and municipal employees for your continued support, cooperation and commitment to Witzenberg. Let us continue working together, with responsibility, pride and optimism, to build a municipality we can all be proud to call home.



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INVESTING IN BETTER SERVICE DELIVERY ACROSS WITZENBERG



FROM LEFT: OSWALD GATYENE, MANAGER: MECHANICAL WORKSHOP; ALD. HENNIE SMIT; CLLR. JONATHAN NEL, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE MAYOR; SEON SWARTZ, DIRECTOR: COMMUNITY SERVICES; CLLR. TREVOR ABRAHAMS, EXECUTIVE MAYOR; PATRICIA CLASSEN, SENIOR MANAGER: SOLID WASTE AND CLEANSING; FRANK VISAGIE, SUPERVISOR SOLID WASTE; JOHN-LEE BELLS, FORMAN: PARKS; JACO STEYN, DIRECTOR: TECHNICAL SERVICES; JUANDREY SAUNDERS, SUPERVISOR: RECYCLING; MUVUYISI EARNST QOTYWE, PARKS

Witzenberg Municipality has further strengthened its operational fleet with the delivery of four new commercial SCAG zero-turn ride-on lawn mowers and three new Hyundai H100 light delivery vehicles (LDVs), reinforcing the Municipality's ongoing commitment to improving service delivery across the Witzenberg region.

The four SCAG zero-turn ride-on lawn mowers have been allocated to the Parks and Open Spaces Unit within the Community Services Directorate. Zero-turn mowers are specifically designed for fast, precise grass cutting and offer exceptional manoeuvrability, allowing operators to navigate around trees, flowerbeds, sports infrastructure and other obstacles with ease.

The three Hyundai H100 LDVs have been allocated as follows: two vehicles to the Parks Department within the Community Services Directorate and one vehicle to the Solid Waste Unit within the Technical Services Directorate. These vehicles will enhance the Municipality's ability to transport equipment, personnel and materials, while strengthening daily operational support for parks maintenance and refuse management services.

This investment reflects Witzenberg Municipality's continued focus on equipping municipal teams with reliable, fit-for-purpose equipment that enhances productivity and operational efficiency. By modernising its fleet, the Municipality is better positioned to maintain clean, safe and well-kept public spaces, respond more effectively to service delivery needs, and continue improving the quality of services provided to residents throughout the Witzenberg municipal area.

WITZENBERG TOURISM

www.visitwittenberg.co.za



CERES TOURISM BUREAU

Tel. 023 316 1287

Fax. 086 505 0455

E-mail: info@ceres.org.za

Website: www.ceres.org.za

GPS Coordinates:

33°21' 0.00"S 19°18' 0.00"E

CERES via Mitchell's Pass,

± One and a half hours.



TULBAGH TOURISM BUREAU

Tel. 023 230 1375

Tel./Fax. 023 230 1348

E-mail: admin@tulbaghtourism.co.za

Website: www.tulbaghtourism.co.za

www.tulbaghwineroute.com

GPS Coordinates:

33°17' 18.5"S 19°08' 18.6"E

TULBAGH via Nuwekloof Pass,

± One and a quarter hours.



WOLSELEY TOURISM BUREAU

E-mail: info@wolseleytourism.co.za

Website: www.wolseleytourism.co.za

GPS Coordinates:

33°25' 0"S 19°12' 0"E

WOLSELEY via Bainskloof Pass

or Du Toitskloof Pass,

± One hour and twenty minutes.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

WITZENBERG MUNICIPALITY

OFFICE HOURS: 023 316 1854 | WHATSAPP: 081 896 5480

24-HOUR EMERGENCY CONTROL ROOM: 023 492 0181/2

CERES:	023 316 8600/24
TULBAGH:	023 230 8100
PA HAMLET:	023 313 3133
WOLSELEY:	023 231 8000

CERES HOSPITAL: 023 316 9600

AMBULANCE: 023 346 6000

FIRE SERVICES: 023 492 0181/2 (all towns)
112 (from any cellular phone)



Clean it. Maintain it. Be proud of it.

Take ownership of your space, whether you are a family, neighbours, or colleagues living in the same street or block.

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How to Join:

- Grab some gloves and bags
- Pick up litter in your area
- Protect nature and make your community shine

Show your efforts:

Post your photos and tag us:

Ceres'ly Clean Ceres'ly Green

Or share them with us on:

060 711 0509

For more info contact us: 023 316 1287 or email: info@ceres.org.za

PROJECT PARTNERS

WINNER

BEST HOTEL

THE TULBAGH BOUTIQUE HERITAGE HOTEL

TULBAGH

WINNER

STATION'S CHOICE

THE TULBAGH BOUTIQUE HERITAGE HOTEL

TULBAGH

WINNER

BEST WEEKEND STAY

KAGGA KAMMA ECO LODGE AND SPA

CEDERBERG

ELECTION PROCLAIMED

Official Election Day Confirmed

Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs
Mr Velenkosini Hlabisa

Election Day

Wednesday

4 November 2026

The proclamation officially launches the 2026 Local Government Elections.

GET UP & VOTE 2026

elections.org.za

Thusong Service Centre



TULBAGH SATELLITE THUSONG CENTRE

CALENDER FOR SERVICE DEPARTMENTS TO VISIT THE
TULBAGH THUSONG SATELLITE CENTRE FOR JULY TO DECEMBER 2026



SASSA SERVICES

- 4, 11, 18 and 25 August
- 1, 8, 15 and 22 September
- 15 September
- 6, 13, 20 and 27 October
- 3, 10, 17 and 24 November
- 8 December

TIME: 08:30 – 15:00



DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

- 18, 19 August
- 15, 16 September
- 21 October
- 18 November
- 02 December

TIME: 08:00 – 15:00



DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

- 8 September
- 6 October
- 3 November
- 1 December
- 8 December (Special transport arrangement for Smart ID collection)

TIME: 08:00 – 15:00



SARS MOBILE UNIT

From 4 August 2026

TIME: 09:00 – 15:00



PLEASE NOTE

Services and dates are subject to change. Please contact us for the latest updates.



VENUE: WITZENVILLE COMMUNITY HALL,
TULBAGH 6820



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: 023 315 6240



DID YOU KNOW?



CORRUPTION

FIGHTING CORRUPTION IS EVERYBODY'S BUSSINESS

Corruption is when a person in power abuses their position for personal gain, often harming the public or an organisation.

African Anti-Corruption Day theme:
Promoting Human Dignity in the Fight
Against Corruption.



Report fraud and corruption to: fraudtipoff@gcis.gov.za; Tollfree: 0800 701 701

Empowering South Africans through communication excellence.



Municipalities need a reliable source of revenue to provide basic services to all. It is important to pay your municipal account on time and in full. AVOID penalties, disconnection, debt! You CAN make a payment arrangement if in arrears.

BASIC MUNICIPAL SERVICES:

- Electricity
- Water supply
- Sewage collection + disposal
- Refuse removal
- Street lighting
- Law Enforcement
- Construction
- Roads + Sidewalks
- Drainage
- Facilities
- Buildings
- Parks
- Recreational facilities
- Cemeteries
- Libraries
- Administration
- Finance

PAYMENT METHODS:

CASH - CARD - EFT
SCAN - EASYPAY - RETAILERS

BANKING DETAILS:

NAME OF ACCOUNT:
WITZENBERG MUNICIPALITY
NAME OF BANK:
FIRST NATIONAL BANK
BRANCH CODE: 200207
ACCOUNT NUMBER:
627 482 18444

Ceres[®] 10KM Road Race



DATE
Saturday,
10 October 2026



TIME
07:00



LOCATION
Lyell Street Sportground
Ceres, 6835



Enter online:
<https://racepass.com/za>
Closing date of pre-entries:
Saturday 03 October 2026



Great prizes to be won!

Collection of race numbers
Friday 09 October 2026
10h00 – 16h00 (or on race day)



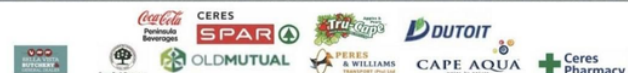
10 Km Late Entries On Race Day
5 Km Entries Online & On The Morning Of The Day

FOR MORE INFO: NICO - 078 882 5299
ARNO - 073 581 1427

BANK: FNB CERES
BRANCH CODE: 250455
630 506 64138 66

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

EMAIL DEPOSIT SLIP AND ENTRY FORM TO:
njansen2003@hotmail.com



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Department
Education
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*A municipality that cares
for its community,
creating growth and
opportunity!*

TWO CLEAR MESSAGES FOR OUR COMMUNITY

1 SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE HOUSEHOLDS



- The first R150 000 of residential property value is exempt from rates.
- Pensioners may qualify for rebates.
- Qualifying indigent households receive:
 - ✓ 50kWh free electricity
 - ✓ 10kl free water
 - ✓ Subsidised refuse and sewerage services

2 COMMUNITY-FIRST SERVICE DELIVERY

Our budget focuses on:

- Essential Services
- Governance
- Communal Services
- Socio-Economic Support Services



50%
INDIGENT SUPPORT
FOR HOUSEHOLDS
EARNING BETWEEN
R6000 AND R7500
MONTHLY

THE 2026/27 BUDGET

The Municipality's 2026/2027 budget amounts to R 1 104 billion, Capital Budget of R 59 million and an Operational Expenditure Budget of R 1.111 billion.



1. EXPECTED REVENUE

**R1.104
BILLION**

Operating revenue expected for 2026/27.

Main income sources:

- ✓ Service charges
- ✓ Property rates
- ✓ Government grants
- ✓ Sundry income



2. OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET

**R1.111
BILLION**

Funds allocated to daily operations and service delivery.

The budget provides for:

- ✓ Service delivery operations
- ✓ Salaries and allowances
- ✓ Repairs and maintenance
- ✓ Bulk electricity purchases
- ✓ Community services
- ✓ Governance and administration



We are committed to cost containment, efficiency improvements and strong financial controls.



3. CAPITAL BUDGET

**R59
MILLION**

Allocated for infrastructure and capital projects in 2026/27.

Major projects include:

- ✓ Road and street upgrades
- ✓ Electrical network improvements
- ✓ Water & wastewater upgrades
- ✓ Community facilities
- ✓ Library development

REVENUE / TARIFF INCREASES



The increase of Property Rates Revenue will be ± 8%.

8%



The increase of Water Consumption Tariffs will be 6%.

6%



The increase of Sanitation Tariffs will be 6%.

6%



The average tariff increase for Refuse Removal Tariffs will be 6%.

6%



The tariff increase for Electricity Tariffs will be 12.8% on average.

12.8%

INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE

ESSENTIAL SERVICES



Electrical network refurbishments



Streetlight upgrades



Road rehabilitation



Sewerage & water infrastructure improvements



Stormwater management projects

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Nduli Library project



Pine Valley Community Hub



Sports facility upgrades



Community hall improvements



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