

NEWSLETTER



CANSA RELAY FOR LIFE: Witzenberg Municipality officials joined the annual CANSA Relay for Life event held from 28 February to 1 March 2026 in Ceres. Well done to the Witzenberg Relay for Life organising committee and the 20 participating teams for their unwavering dedication and energy throughout, despite the rainy conditions. Witzenberg rises together against cancer. See you next year!



CLLR TREVOR ABRAHAMS
EXECUTIVE MAYOR

From the Mayor's Desk

It is unbelievable how quickly time is flying by — we are already in April! I would like to wish all our Christian residents a blessed Easter and extend Eid Mubarak wishes to our Muslim communities. I trust that you had a blessed time celebrating these important religious holidays with family and friends, and that those who travelled experienced safe journeys.

With the extreme and unpredictable weather conditions — from very hot to very cold and vice versa — I urge everyone to take care and put the necessary precautionary measures in place.

We are also facing many other challenges, including fuel price increases linked to the ongoing war, and locally we had to implement Level 2 water restrictions in Tulbagh from 1 March as dam levels are dropping drastically across the province. In addition, the Western Cape continues to face the ongoing challenge of Foot-and-Mouth Disease, which is impacting the agricultural sector.

We have taken important steps recently to strengthen service delivery. Council approved the Adjustment Budget to ensure we meet our targets for the year. At the same time, we continued engaging our communities through consultations on the Spatial Development Framework (SDF) and by hosting IDP imbizos, ensuring that residents have a voice in how our municipality develops. For more details contact the IDP office: idp@witzenberg.gov.za.

The IEC is also running an ongoing campaign to encourage eligible voters to register for the upcoming 2026/2027 government election. As part of this initiative, a voter registration weekend will take place from 20–21 June 2026.

We operate a 24-hour Emergency Control Room for both emergency calls and service delivery complaints at 023 316 2328/9 or send a WhatsApp to 081 896 5480.

Take care and God bless!



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Witzenberg Municipality - Official

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New Sewer vacuum Tanker Truck for WM

Witzenberg Municipality recently added a new sewer vacuum tanker truck to our fleet to enhance service delivery efforts across the municipal area. The truck is designed to safely remove and transport wastewater from septic and conservancy tanks, and will assist us to clear blockages more efficiently, reduce overflows and keep high-risk areas clean. The truck is part of our fleet for routine operations as well as emergency call-outs.

**SOUTH AFRICAN
LIBRARY WEEK**
16-22 March 2026

FINE FREE PERIOD
16 March – 16 April 2026

**RETURN OVERDUE BOOKS
& ITEMS. NO FINES!**

Reconnect with your
local library.

Your library: A Public Good for All.
Celebrate, Read, Learn, Grow!
Join the movement for a brighter tomorrow.

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Municipality of the Witzenberg District

Empowering Futures
Preserving Knowledge
Community Engagement

South African Library Week
NSRF

Pay Your Municipal Account!

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: 200107
ACCOUNT NUMBER:
627 482 18444



REGISTRATION WEEKEND

**2026/27 Local
Government Elections**

20 – 21 JUNE 2026

**LET'S GET
VOTING READY!**



SOUTH AFRICA

TULBAGH: LEVEL 2 WATER RESTRICTION IMPLEMENTED

As a result of the low water level in the Tulbagh dam, Level 2 water restrictions have been implemented in the Tulbagh area as from 1 March 2026. This decision assumes that no water is abstracted from the Waverenskroon Dam due to concerns regarding the quality. The Tulbagh dam level is currently at 60% (283 605m³), which is sufficient water for 3.5 months usage. All residents are urged to comply with the measures pertaining to the water restrictions that were implemented. The following applies:

1. Construction activities are allowed but no unattended hosepipes.
2. Gardens, Sport fields, Parks and other common areas (Public) may only be watered on even calendar days, but not between 08:00 and 18:00 and not for more than 2 hours.
3. Water slides are not allowed.
4. The washing of vehicles with a hosepipe, fitted with an automatic self-closing device. Otherwise, only buckets may be used. Cleaning of windows to be done with buckets.
5. The cleaning of any area (roofs, walls or paved areas) by means of potable water is prohibited. Permit is required where health reasons is applicable.
6. The filling of swimming pools can only be done manually with a hose pipe for one hour a week. Filling of new pools by permit only.

Visit www.witzenberg.gov.za for more details.

FROM 1 MARCH '26

LEVEL 2 WATER RESTRICTIONS TULBAGH

FIXED LEVEL 2 WATER RESTRICTIONS

- Water level is currently at 60% (283,605 m³)
- Residents must follow all water restriction measures provided.
- Tariffs for Level 2 restrictions will apply.

WATER USAGE THIS WEEK

- This week: 2.8 ML/day
- Last week: 2.9 ML/day

INSTALL WATER-EFFICIENT SHOWERHEADS

Consider installing showerheads with limited water flow or equipped with aerator features to reduce water usage during showers.

USE A SHOWER TIMER

Use a shower timer as a reminder to limit shower time. Shorter showers can significantly reduce water consumption.

USE WASHING MACHINES AND DISHWASHERS EFFICIENTLY

Use washing machines and dishwashers only when complete, or use water-efficient settings if available. Avoid washing clothes or dishes by letting water flow continuously.

USE A BUCKET FOR FLOOR CLEANING

Instead of using a hose, use a bucket or a mop dampened with water to clean floors. This can save a significant amount of water.

STRICT ADHERENCE TO THESE RESTRICTIONS IS MANDATORY

Detailed Information on our website: [Click here](#)

FIRE RISK ALERT

KEEP THESE EMERGENCY NUMBERS SAVED!

We are experiencing a severe heat wave, and fire risk is very high. Please save our emergency numbers and report any fire immediately.

Witzenberg 24/7 Emergency Control Room

☎ 023 492 0181/2 📞 081 896 5480

Simple Fire Safety Tips

1. **Clear your space**
Remove dry grass, cardboard, plastic, and rubbish. They ignite easily in extreme heat.
2. **Be careful with flames**
Don't leave paraffin stoves, candles, or open fires unattended. Keep water or sand nearby.

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REVENUE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME (REP)

Improving Services for everyone in Witzenberg

What's Happening?

The Revenue Enhancement Programme (REP) started on 6 May 2025 and runs until October 2026.

- It is supported by the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) and implemented by Mamadi & Company.

Purpose of the programme

- Improve how revenue is collected and managed
- Fix customer billing issues
- Verify and audit electricity meters
- Ensure better funding for roads, water, and electricity upgrades

What Residents Should Know

- Electricity Meter Audit → Starting September 2025, fieldworkers will inspect and verify electricity meters. Full schedules and notices will be shared before visits.
- Better Services → Improved revenue = better roads, reliable water supply, upgraded electricity systems, and stronger infrastructure.

Why It Matters

By improving how we manage revenue, the Municipality can:

- Maintain and upgrade essential services
- Reduce service interruptions
- Build a financially secure municipality that serves the community better.

Your cooperation will help make Witzenberg stronger for everyone!

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FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE (FMD) UPDATE - WOLSELEY

DATE ISSUED: 06/03/2026

The Western Cape Department of Agriculture responded on 25 February to a report from a private veterinarian regarding calves on a small-scale farm in the Wolseley area.

Incident Summary

- * The farmer had recently purchased 20 three-month-old calves from George and kept them separate from the rest of the herd, in line with biosecurity practices.
- * A Ceres Animal Health Technician identified oral lesions on two calves during a follow-up inspection.
- * As a precaution, the farm was placed under quarantine, samples were collected, and all cattle on the farm were vaccinated against FMD.

Laboratory results have confirmed that the samples are negative for FMD and the quarantine has been lifted.

Clinical signs may resemble FMD, but laboratory testing is required to confirm the disease.

The Department continues with active surveillance and follow-up on reports from private veterinarians and the public.

For more information and updates:

www.elsenburg.com



FMD Resources



FMD Hotline
"Press 1 for FMD"

080 928 4102



Department of Agriculture
#ForTheLoveOfAgriculture | GrowthForJobs | #WCGovAgri
#BiosecurityIsASharedResponsibility

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CERES TOURISM BUREAU

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Website: www.ceres.org.za
GPS Coordinates:
33°21' 0.00"S 19°18' 0.00"E
CERES via Michell's Pass,
± One and a half hours.



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GPS Coordinates:
33°17' 18"S 19°08' 18"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.



NEW INDIGENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Going Digital from 1 July 2025

The Social Services Division is proud to introduce our new electronic indigent application system, known as the IMS (Indigent Management System). This is a major step in modernising municipal services as part of the Witzenberg Municipality's Digitisation Strategy and possible the first system of its kind in South Africa!

What You Need to Know

- ✓ All indigent applications will now be done electronically at indigent service points.
- ✓ The normal supporting documents are still required, please remember to bring them along.
- ✓ We kindly ask for your patience during the first month of rollout (July), as we work to speed up and improve our services to you.

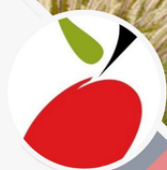
Any questions?

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The Witzenberg ENTREPRENEURSHIP Academy

FREE TO ALL WITZENBERG RESIDENTS



Free online short courses to help you start and grow your business & LEARN NEW SKILLS



SCAN QR CODE TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE

For any queries, contact the Manager:
Local Economic Development (LED) at
riaan@witzenberg.gov.za or the LED Officer wilmut@witzenberg.gov.za

www.thestartuptribe.org/pages/witzenberg



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Admissions are now open!

Apply online
for Grade R, 1 and 8

10 March 2026 to 14 April 2026

westerncape.gov.za/education



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MUNICIPAL PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS

NOW OPEN! Until 30 April 2025

PINE FOREST RESORT, CERES

Day Visitors: 08:00 – 19:00

* Day Visitors & Swimming: Entry is R95.00 per person.

* Day Visitors: R229 for 5 people ("Clip card")
Local residents only!
(Municipal Account and ID as proof)

All vehicles park outside.

Public Pools:
Die Eiland - Bella Vista
PA Hamlet - Montana - Witzenville

* Week days: 13:00 - 18:00
* Weekends, School- & Public holidays: 10:00 - 18:00

ENTRY:
Adults: R11; Children: R1

Enquiries: 023 492 0183 / 023 492 0184

THUSONG SERVICES CENTRE

Do you know about Thusong Centres?
They're one-stop shops that bring government services such as grants and other essential applications, closer to the people that need them most.



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home affairs
023 3155017/21



Sassa
023 3485300/11
023 3158003



social development
023 3154855 / 023 8142740

Thusong Centre Coordinator
023 315 6240
info@witsenberga.gov.za

3 Panswano Rd,
Bella Vista,
CERES, 4405

* Municipal Council service



More details: www.westerncape.gov.za/general-publications/thusong-programme

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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

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THE PRINCIPLES OF

CONSULTATION

Citizens should be consulted about the level and quality of public services they receive, and wherever possible should be given a choice about the services that are provided.

SERVICE STANDARDS

Citizens should be told what level and quality of public service they will receive, so that they are aware of what to expect.

ACCESS

All citizens should have equal access to the services to which they are entitled.

COURTESY

Citizens should be treated with courtesy and consideration.

INFORMATION

Citizens should be given full, accurate information about the public services they are entitled to receive.

OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY

Citizens should be told how national and provincial departments are run, how much they cost, and who is in charge.

REDRESS

If the promised standard of service is not delivered, citizens should be offered an apology, a full explanation and a speedy and effective remedy. When complaints are made, citizens should receive a sympathetic, positive response.

VALUE FOR MONEY

Public services should be provided economically and efficiently in order to give citizens the best possible value for money.