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Game Changer

Newsletter

Changing the game to enrich communities

From the editor

January has seen the game changer teams returning to work feeling refreshed and invigorated, after the festive break.

We have hit the ground running and have achieved a number of milestones worth celebrating and sharing with you.



Conradie Better Living Model Project breaks ground



On the 16th of January, Premier Helen Zille lead the official sod turning ceremony of the Conradie Better Living Model development.

She was joined by MEC of Human Settlements Bonginkosi Madikizela, Executive Mayor Dan Plato, Mayco Member for Human Settlements Malusi Boo and the CEO of Concor construction Mr Eric Wisse.

This event marked a significant milestone in the provincial government's efforts to redress the legacy of apartheid spatial planning, and to deliver well-located, affordable integrated housing opportunities for citizens living in the province.

The R3 billion path breaking development will see 3 602 residential units built on the 22-hectare plot. Of these, 1 764 will be subsidised, affordable units. The remaining open market units will help to cross-subsidise the affordable units.

The development will also include commercial space, parks and recreational spaces, as well as two new schools.

Premier Zille paid tribute to the enormous effort and hard work of the dedicated project team over the past three years who ensured this pioneering development has gotten off the ground in record time.



After School practitioner graduation

On the 12th of January, 53 after-school practitioners became the first group to receive their short course certificates for completing the Extended Education Practitioner Training Programme (EEPTP) through Stellenbosch University (SU).

The short course, coordinated by the SU Centre for Pedagogy (SUNCEP), was developed in partnership with a number of industry role players, including the Western Cape Departments of Cultural Affairs and Sport (DCAS) and Education (WCED), the Community Chest of the Western Cape, Rutgers University, as well as SU.

This short course is in itself a game changer for After Schools. It is the first of its kind in South Africa and, enhances the programme development, evaluation, assessment and outcomes-based skills of the after-school practitioners.

Qualified after-school practitioners will also be able to critically engage on issues including curriculum development and implementation of programmes in the future.

The second group of school practitioners are already enrolled for the 2019 training programme.

Solar PV feed-in tariff map launched online



It is now legal in 22 municipalities in the Western Cape to connect Solar PV to the electricity grid.

18 of these municipalities have nationally approved tariffs in place, meaning users can be compensated for feeding their surplus power back into the municipal electricity grid.

The provincial government recently launched an online Solar PV feed-in tariff map to make it easier for businesses and citizens to find out what tariff is in place in their municipality.

You can find the map at: <https://www.westerncape.gov.za/energy-security-game-changer/small-scale-embedded-generation-sseg-feed-tariff-map>

There is currently an estimated 110MW of installed Solar PV capacity in the Western Cape (from 18 MW in 2015/16), which is close to the capacity of one of the wind farms currently in the province, under the REIPPPP.



eLearning campaign rolled out



The Western Cape Department of Education (WCED) recently launched their new campaign "eLearning brings learning to life" in all schools across the province.

Its aim is to encourage teachers to use technology in their classrooms and focuses on how eLearning tools such as computers, iPads, mobile phones and smart boards can connect them to an array of online content that makes learning more immersive and vivid.

An online classroom side kick has also been developed for teachers, which provides them with eLearning tips, tools, resources and technical support. You can access it [here](#).

