

Boland Control Area

geographic and demographic overview

Following up on our series, *Insider's View*, in which readers were introduced to the staff of the Western Cape Provincial Library Service and all its activities and functions, we are embarking on a new series, **The library route**, in which the 336 libraries that feed readers' needs will be introduced.

We start the series off with the libraries in the Boland Control Area and as background we publish a breakdown of the libraries in the various municipalities.

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Introduction

The Western Cape Provincial Library Service: Regional Organisation is divided into three control areas: Boland, Metropole and Outeniqua. Each control area consists of five regional libraries and is headed by an assistant director and supported by a chief library assistant.

The five regional offices in the Boland control area are Hermanus, Saldanha, Stellenbosch, Vanrhynsdorp and Worcester. Saldanha and Stellenbosch regions are managed from Cape Town, Worcester and Hermanus regions from



▲ Chief Library Assistant Moreen September who is Steven's right-hand woman

Worcester and Vanrhynsdorp region from Vanrhynsdorp.

The staff complement for each region in the Boland control area consists normally of a regional librarian, two library assistants, a driver and a general assistant. In the case of Saldanha region a chief library assistant was also appointed to cater for the bigger workload after the migration of the Berg River municipal libraries to this region.

Libraries in our control area receive tremendous support in terms of book and stock supplies, as well as intensive training courses.

Regional libraries

Hermanus Region

The regional staff consists of regional librarian Mhlengi Ngcobo; library assistants Esné Bester and Mariëtte Hesselman; general assistant Patricia Goeieman; and a driver (vacant).

✦ Municipalities

The Hermanus region serves both the Overstrand and Theewaterskloof municipalities and is responsible for 17 libraries,

six library depots and one Wheelie Wagon in the area.

By the end of December 2010 the total book stock at libraries in the region amounted to 322 430 items.

The area served is diverse and ranges from well-known coastal towns to inland towns in the Western Cape.



Service points

Overstrand Municipality libraries

Gansbaai
Hangklip
Hawston
Hermanus
Kleinmond
Mount Pleasant
Stanford
Zwelihle

Theewaterskloof Municipality libraries

Caledon
Genadendal
Grabouw
Greyton
Oostergloed
Pineview
Riviersonderend
Ukhanyo (Botriver)
Villiersdorp



▲ Assistant Director Steven Andries



▲ The Hermanus crowd (l-r): Patricia Goeieman, Mhlengi Ngcobo, Mariëtte Hesselman and Esné Bester

Depots
Glen Elgin
Helderstroom Correctional Service
Maximum
Helderstroom Correctional Service
Medium
Helderstroom Correctional Service
Henry Fagan
Vyboom

✧ **Conditional grant**
The conditional grant mainly applies to the following projects: improving staff capacity, building/upgrading of libraries, maintenance, rural connectivity, literacy and extending a rural service programme through the Wheelie Wagons to small pockets of rural disadvantaged communities. In Hermanus region a total of 17 public library staff members are funded through the conditional grant.

- **Wheelie Wagons**
The latest project or new service in the area was the opening of the Buffeljags Bay Wheelie Wagon in December 2010.
- **Rural connectivity project**
In an effort to bridge the digital divide the Provincial Library Service embarked on a rural connectivity project, that is, placing Information Communication Technology (ICT) in public libraries in order to provide access to the Internet, word-processing and email facilities to the public.

A total of 20 sites are identified annually for both the Boland and Outeniqua Control areas. ICT projects are already installed and operational at public libraries such as Riviersonderend, Gansbaai and Grabouw. Hawston, Caledon and Zwelihle libraries are next in line. The high usage of this facility shows clearly that access to ICT is very much needed in the rural areas.

Saldanha Region

The regional staff consists of regional librarian Anél de Villiers; chief library assistant Lorraine Lank; library assistants Benita Bailey and Santie Hugo; driver Mzingizi Baleka; and general assistant Andrew van der Ross.



▲ Saldanha's staff in front of the book bus (ltr): Andrew van der Ross, Mzingizi Baleka, Lorraine Lank, Anél de Villiers, Santie Hugo and Benita Mailey

✧ **Municipalities**
The Saldanha region is currently the biggest in the Boland Control Area, serving three municipalities, that is, Saldanha Bay, Swartland and Berg River and is responsible for 28 libraries, two library depots and four Wheelie Wagons in the different areas. The latest project or new service in the area was the opening of Chatsworth Library. This service started as a Wheelie Wagon in 2005 and was upgraded to a library in January 2011. Projects currently in the pipeline are the Versveld Wheelie Wagon, to open in July 2011, and the new Vredenburg Library to be completed in June 2012.

By the end of December 2010 the total book stock at libraries in the region amounted to 389 841 library items.

✧ **Service points**
Bergriver Municipality libraries

Aurora
Eendekuil
Goedverwacht
L.B. Wernich
Monte Bertha
Piketberg
Porterville
Redelinghuys
Velddrif

Saldanha Bay Municipality libraries

Diazville
Harold Krumm
Hopefield
Laingville
Langebaan
Louville
Paternoster
Saldanha
St Helena Bay
Vredenburg

Swartland Municipality libraries

Chatsworth
Darling
Darling North
Malmesbury
Moorreesburg
Riebeek-Kasteel
Riebeek West
Wesbank

Depots
Langebaanweg
Riebeek-West Prison

Wheelie Wagons
Berghof
Goedgedacht
Versfeld
Wittewater

✧ **Conditional grant**
In Saldanha region a total of 34 staff members' posts are funded through the conditional grant, that is, in Saldanha Bay Municipality (8), Swartland Municipality (14) and Berg River Municipality (12). In the 2010/11 financial year R5 000 000 was transferred to the Saldanha Bay Municipality for the building of the new Vredenburg Library, and an additional

R1 000 000 is earmarked for the next financial year to cover expenses for furniture and equipment.

- **Rural connectivity project**
In total seven ICT projects are already installed and operational, that is, at the Malmesbury, Moorreesburg, Wesbank, Piketberg, Velddrif, Hopefield, Diazville and Darling North public libraries. Darling, Bettie Julius and Laingville libraries have been identified to receive this service for the 2011/12 financial year.

Stellenbosch Region

The regional staff consists of regional librarian Linda Mabindisa; library assistants Bonita Maasdorp and one vacancy; driver Cecil Solomons; and general assistant Lindani Ntantiso.

✧ **Municipalities**
The Stellenbosch region serves the Drakenstein and Stellenbosch municipalities and is responsible for 15 libraries, six library depots and four Wheelie Wagons. The latest project or new service in the area was the opening of the Jamestown Library in July 2010.

New projects currently in progress are the Groendal and Klapmuts Primary School Community libraries. The Klapmuts Library Project will be managed on the school premises and is done in partnership between the Western Cape Provincial Library Service, Stellenbosch Municipality and Western Cape Education Department to establish a library, not only for the learners of the school but also for the broader community of Klapmuts. This project will be completed in July/August 2011.

By the end of December 2010 the total book stock at libraries in the region amounted to 319 212 library items.

✧ **Service points**
Drakenstein Municipality libraries

Drakenstein
Gouda
Groenheuwel
Mbekweni
Paarl
Saron
Wellington



▲ The Stellenbosch crew (Ltr): Bonita Maasdorp, Lindani Ntantiso and Linda Mabindisa

Wellington Readers

Stellenbosch Municipality libraries

Cloetesville

Franschhoek

Idas Valley

Kayamandi

Pniel

Stellenbosch

Depots

Allandale Correctional Services

Drakenstein Correctional Services B

Drakenstein Correctional Services

Maximum

Paardeberg Correctional Services

Voorberg Correctional Services A

Voorberg Correctional Services B

Wheele Wagons

Nagenoeg

Nieuwe Drift

Pebbles

Simondium

✧ Conditional grant

In total 25 public library staff members' posts in the Drakenstein and Stellenbosch municipalities are funded through the conditional grant. In the 2011/12 financial year R4 000 000 will be transferred to Drakenstein Municipality towards a new library facility in Paarl.

- ♦ Rural connectivity project
ICT projects are already installed and operational at public libraries in Cloetesville, Stellenbosch, Groenheuwel and Gouda. The Paarl and Kayamandi libraries have been identified for the 2011/12 financial year.

Vanrhynsdorp Region

The regional staff consists of regional librarian Elza du Preez; library assistants Ricky Kotze and Christa Hayes; driver Giel Masent; and general assistant Dina Flink.

✧ Municipalities

The Vanrhynsdorp region serves the Cederberg, Matzikama and West Coast District municipalities and is responsible for 18 libraries, one library depot and four Wheelie Wagons. The regional office is about 300km from Cape Town and within

the region some service points are very isolated and not easy to get to, even for regional staff members.

By the end of December 2010 the total book stock at libraries in the region amounted to 179 617 library items.

✧ Service points

Cederberg Municipality libraries

Citrusdal

Clanwilliam (Leipoldt-Nortier)

Elandsbaai

Graafwater

Lambertsbaai

TP Meyer

Matzikama Municipality libraries

Doringbaai

Ebenhaeser

Eureka

Klawer

Lutzville

Troe-Troe

Uitkyk

Vanrhynsdorp

Vredendal

West Coast Municipality libraries

Bitterfontein

Nuwerus

Rietpoort

Depots

Wuppertal

Wheele Wagons

Algeria

Kliprand

Molsvlei

Stofkraal

✧ Conditional grant

Currently 13 public library staff members' posts are funded through the conditional grant, that is, Cederberg (3), Matzikama (6) and West Coast District municipality (4).

- ♦ Rural connectivity project
ICT projects are already up and running at the Lutzville, Vredendal and Leipoldt Nortier public libraries. The Vanrhynsdorp and Graafwater public libraries have been identified for the 2011/12 financial year.

Worcester Region

The regional staff consists of regional librarian Honest Mxokozeli; library assistants Debra Lottering and Tommy Jacobs; driver Denovan Uithaler; and a general assistant (vacant).

✧ Municipalities

The Worcester region serves public libraries in the Breede Valley and Witzenberg municipal areas. The region is responsible for 15 libraries, three library depots and five Wheelie Wagons. The latest project in the area was the opening of the Sandhills Library Depot about 15km from De Doorns in November 2010.

By the end of December 2010 the total book stock at libraries in the region

amounted to 285 051 library items.

✧ Service points

Breede Valley Municipality libraries

De Doorns

Esselen

Rawsonville (Goudini)

Steenvliet

Touwsriver

Worcester

Zweletemba

Witzenberg Municipality libraries

Bella Vista

Ceres (John Steyn)

Montana

Nduli

Rietvallei

Tulbagh

Witzenville

Wolseley

Depots

Brandvlei Youth Correctional Services

De La Bat

Pionier Braille

Wheele Wagons

Fairhills

Hexvallei

Prins Alfred Hamlet

Sandhills

Slanghoek

Op die Berg

✧ Conditional grant

In total 19 public library staff members' posts at the Breede Valley and Witzenberg municipalities are funded through the conditional grant.

- ♦ Rural connectivity project
ICT projects are already operational at the De Doorns, Goudini, Touwsriver, Worcester, Esselen, Tulbagh and Witzenville public libraries. The ICT project at John Steyn (Ceres) Public Library must still be finalised. Zweletemba and Wolseley public libraries are earmarked for the 2011/12 financial year.



▲ Worcester (Ltr): Denovan Uithaler, Debra Lottering, Honest Mxokozeli and Tommy Jacobs



▲ Vanrhynsdorp staff (Ltr): Giel Masent, Dina Flink, Elza du Preez, Christa Hayes and Ricky Kotze