

WATERWORX

The official newsletter of Magalies Water



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“Change is the essence of life. Be willing to surrender what you are for what you could become.”

- Reinhold Niebuhr

It is said that the first step towards change is awareness, knowing what works, what doesn't and taking the necessary steps towards improvement. It is therefore an honour to reveal Magalies Water's first in-house quarterly publication - **WATERWORX**.

The aim of this publication is to share vital information on developments within the organisation in line with our vision, mission and values, news on the good work done by colleagues and to create a platform that will allow us to get to know each other a little better. We will also share knowledge on the key activities of our stakeholders and partners with the intention of acquiring best practices.

We hope you enjoy this first edition of the newsletter and ask that you help us grow and improve by sharing with us any news or experience you wish to have published.



Deputy Minister, David Mahlobo's visit to Vaalkop.

Deputy Minister, David Mahlobo Visits Vaalkop

On the 3rd of April 2020, the Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation, Mr David Mahlobo conducted a site visit at Vaalkop Water Treatment Works and met with the Chairperson of the Board, Adv. Mosotho Petlane and his team. In attendance was also the Executive Mayor of Rustenburg Local municipality, Cllr Mpho Khunou and his team.

The site visit was one of the number of oversight visits being conducted by the Deputy Minister to check progress on COVID-19 water related issues. The issue of water shortage within the Rustenburg area was also looked into and options on how to address these challenges were explored.

The second meeting was at Lethabile in Madibeng Local Municipality, the Deputy Minister's delegation together with Magalies Water team led by the Chairperson met with the MEC for Cooperative Governance & Traditional Affairs, Gordon Kegakilwe and his team, Executive Mayor as well as Cllr Jostina Mothibe and her team. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss COVID-19 intervention implemented by the department whereby Magalies Water was appointed as the Implementing Agent.



Deputy Minister visited the Brits Water treatment Works in Madibeng Local Municipality on 24 April 2020 to check on the state of infrastructure and also indicate that Magalies Water had been given a directive to assist the municipality with short-term intervention to address the water quality.



Magalies Water technical staff overseeing the construction of the stands in preparation for the installation of the water tanks in Lethlabile, Madibeng Local Municipality.

Communities have also been advised to take ownership of the water tanks and assist by protecting them from vandalism and theft.



Magalies Water Delivers Water Tanks to Communities

In March 2020, President Cyril Ramaphosa announced a nation-wide lockdown as a measure to avert the rapid spread of the Coronavirus in the country. In response to this, Minister Lindiwe Sisulu introduced a short-term measure where the Department of Water and Sanitation, along with various water boards across the country would deliver water tanks and tankers to communities in need.

The aim was to assist with water shortages during the lockdown and in turn minimize the spread of the infection in vulnerable communities. Several communities within Magalies Water's area of supply including municipalities within Bojanala District, Bela-Bela and Modimolle-Mokgoopong Local Municipalities have since benefitted from this initiative.

Water delivery to the most needy communities has come as a great relief due to the fact that for years many have suffered the indignity of not having any water at all and therefore walking long distances to fetch water for everyday usage.



Fully installed tanks and stands constructed. Magalies Water continues to deliver tanks to communities.



Tsakane and Vaalwater communities receive water tanks.

Handover of Water Tanks to Tsakane & Vaalwater Communities

On 08 May 2020, Magalies Water officials led by the Chief Executive together with the Provincial Head of the Department of Water and Sanitation: Limpopo, Ms Lucy Kobe and her team, handed over water tanks to the community of Tsakane in Bela-Bela as well as Vaalwater in Modimolle/Mookgopong Local Municipalities in the Limpopo province. In attendance were also mayors of the respective municipalities and their teams.

The handover was in line with the continued fight against the spread of COVID-19 to communities who are struggling to get clean water. Magalies Water CE, Sandile Mkhize attended the events and indicated that the people of Vaalwater would receive a total of 8 tanks while in Tsakane a total of 4 tanks had been installed.

Magalies Water has thus far installed 19 tanks out of 41 in the area of Modimolle/ Mookgopong 20 stands have been built so far for Bela-Bela and the aim is to install 26 water tanks in that area.

"I am quite pleased with the pace at which the team has been working to ensure we meet our set targets for this project" said Mkhize.

Whilst ensuring that regulation rules were observed of no more than 50 people at an event, members of the community who were in attendance received buckets containing gloves, soap, masks and hand sanitizers to use in the fight against the spread of the disease.



Above: Magalies Water CE, Sandile Mkhize, and GM: Stakeholder & Customer Services, Kele Mogamisi attended both events.

COVID-19 Awareness

Prevent the spread of COVID-19 in

7 STEPS

- 01** Wash your hands frequently
- 02** Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- 03** Cover your cough using the bend of your elbow or a tissue
- 04** Avoid crowded places and close contact with anyone that has fever or cough
- 05** Stay at home if you feel unwell
- 06** If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early — but call first
- 07** Get information from trusted sources



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