



MEDIA ADVISORY

DWS to launch a Water and Sanitation Forum in Knysna

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The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in the Western Cape will launch a Water and Sanitation Forum in the Knysna municipality following a success in other local councils.

Water and Sanitation Forums consist of all local organisations including NGO, ward committee members, business and the municipality. The aim of having these forums is for the locals to take ownership of their own water and sanitation issues together.

The other advantage of having forums is that the municipality is part of the forum so the people have direct access to the municipality to report or raise any problems in the water and sanitation space.

Every year new members are elected to serve in the committee, but old ones can be re-elected if the community is still happy with them.

Municipalities like George and Oudtshoorn already have functioning Water and Sanitation Forums.

Issues such as vandalism of electrical, water and sanitation infrastructure in this area have necessitated the establishment of such a body.

Media is invited to attend as follows:

Date : 23 May 2024

Venue : Knysna Municipality Offices, Clyde Street, Knysna

Time : 10h00 – 12h00

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