



About our Municipality

Introduction

The area that the West Coast District Municipality (WCDM) serves stretches from the border of Cape Town Metropole to the border of the Northern Cape. The region covers a total area of 31 099 km². Statistics South Africa (2001) estimated the population of the entire West Coast region at 282 671.

The two roads, the R27 and the N7 from Cape Town, will take you through the golden wheat fields of the Swartland, the vineyards of the Olifants River, the picturesque coastal villages of Paternoster and St Helena Bay and the peaceful atmosphere of little towns like Darling, Piketberg, Goedverwacht and Porterville. Further north, across the Piekeniers Pass, the incredible mountains of the Cederberg, famous for its rock art and the Maskam, outside Van Rhynsdorp will serve you with peace of mind.

The municipality

The Municipal Council of the WCDM has 24 (twenty four) councillors, as determined by the MEC for Local Government in Provincial Notice 48/2011 published in Provincial Gazette Extraordinary No. 6851 of 25 February 2011. (10 proportionally represented and 14 appointed by the local municipalities). Attached is a list of the councillors of the West Coast District Municipality.

The Executive Mayoral Committee members are the chairs of the respective Portfolio Committees established in terms of Section 80 of the Local Government Act: Municipal Structure Act 117 of 1998.

Executive Mayoral Committee

Executive Mayor: Cllr John Harold Cleophas;
Deputy Mayor: Ald JJ (Boeta) Josephus;
Speaker: Cllr André Kruger.

Members on the Executive Mayoral Committee:

Cllr Marius Koen: Portfolio Corporate Services;
Cllr Riaan Mouton: Portfolio Finance;
Cllr Basil Stanley: Portfolio Technical Services;
Cllr Isaac Julies: Portfolio Community Services

Other members of the Council:

Proportionally Represented:

Jeffrey Swart, Rhoda Skei, Izak Jenner, Neville Delpont, Coenraad Heyns, Willem Loff, Maryna Smit

Appointed Councillors:

Willem Hendrik Nel (Matzikama Municipality) Julio Fransman, 1 Vacant, (Cederberg Municipality), Christiaan Snyders, Samuel Claassen (Bergrivier Municipality), Jan Cillie, Stephanus Vries, 1 Vacant, (Saldanhabay Municipality) Nicholaas Rust, and Ntobeko Zatu (Swartland Municipality).

The district municipality consists of five local municipalities, namely: **Swartland**, (Malmesbury); **Bergrivier** (Piketberg); **Matzikama**, (Vredendal); **Cederberg** (Clanwilliam) and **Saldanha Bay** with Vredenburg as administrative centre.

Our Purpose

The purpose of WCDM and the five affiliates (local municipalities), is to share the responsibility for local government in their areas, and to ensure that all communities, particularly disadvantaged communities, have equal access to resources and services. WCDM assist local municipalities, who don't have the capacity in finances, facilities, staff or knowledge to provide them with services to enhance their communities.

Key Functions of the WCDM

- develop the district as a whole;
- municipal health services for the area;
- bulk supply of water; electricity; sewerage purification and disposal, as well as;
- fire-fighting services for the whole region;
- promoting local tourism in the district; and
- providing a good infrastructure.