



ANNUAL INFORMATION MEETING

29th DECEMBER 2025

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AGENDA



- **Andrew Crawford**
**INTRODUCTION, OVERVIEW AND FINANCIAL –
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**
- **Jason Oxley**
CONSERVATION, COMPLIANCE AND EDUCATION

QUESTIONS AND CLOSING

HISTORY



- The Lower Breede River Conservancy has existed since 1996
- 2003 - Swellendam Municipality appointed the LBRCT as Management Authority for the Lower Breede River (West bank)



- 2009 - Hessequa Municipality appointed the LBRCT as Management Authority for the Lower Breede River (East bank)
- 2010 – Swellendam and Hessequa By-law merged, and a Tripartite Service Level Agreement was signed

WHAT IS THE LBRCT?



- A registered Trust, NPO and PBO
- Administered by seven trustees
- Field operations - Manager based in Witsand
- Trustees - volunteers with no financial or material compensation
- Staff and Trustees qualified in a variety of disciplines

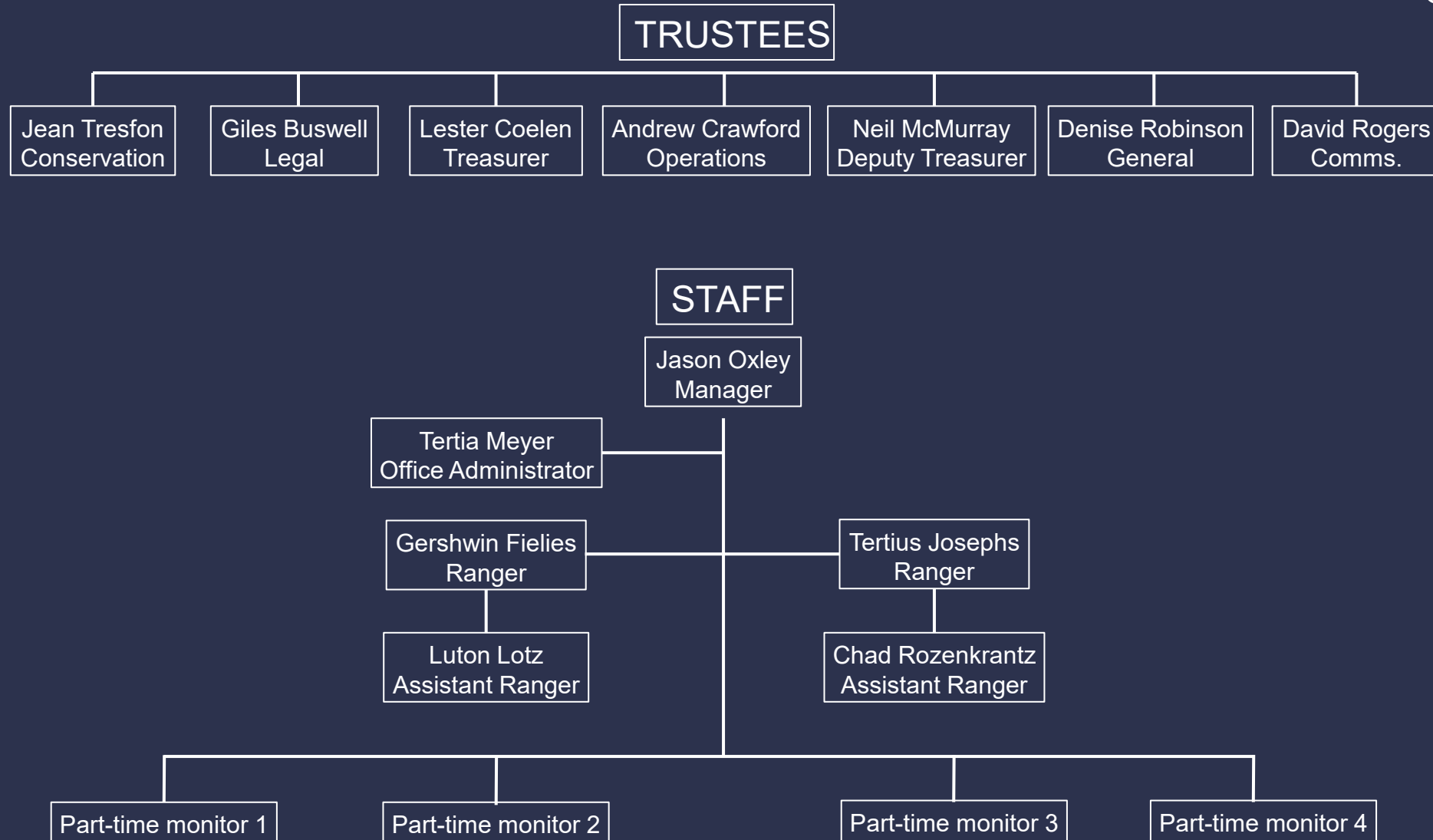
GEOGRAPHICAL JURISDICTION



- 1 kilometre back from the riverbanks
- Up to the furthest tidal reach ± 52 kilometres inland



STRUCTURE AND MANPOWER



WHAT WE OFFER



- Reputable and reliable partner for management of the Breede River Estuary with a 28-year history
- A proven and sustainable financial model that works
- Quarterly reports, strict financial controls and independently audited financial statements



- Solid infrastructure – boats, vehicles, IT system, licence sales outlets and a central office in Witsand
- Continuity and the advantages of having one management agent for the river



- Six Municipal Peace Officers
- Five Fishery Control Officers
- A constructive and positive relationship with the authorities
- Combined operations with CapeNature for MLRA compliance

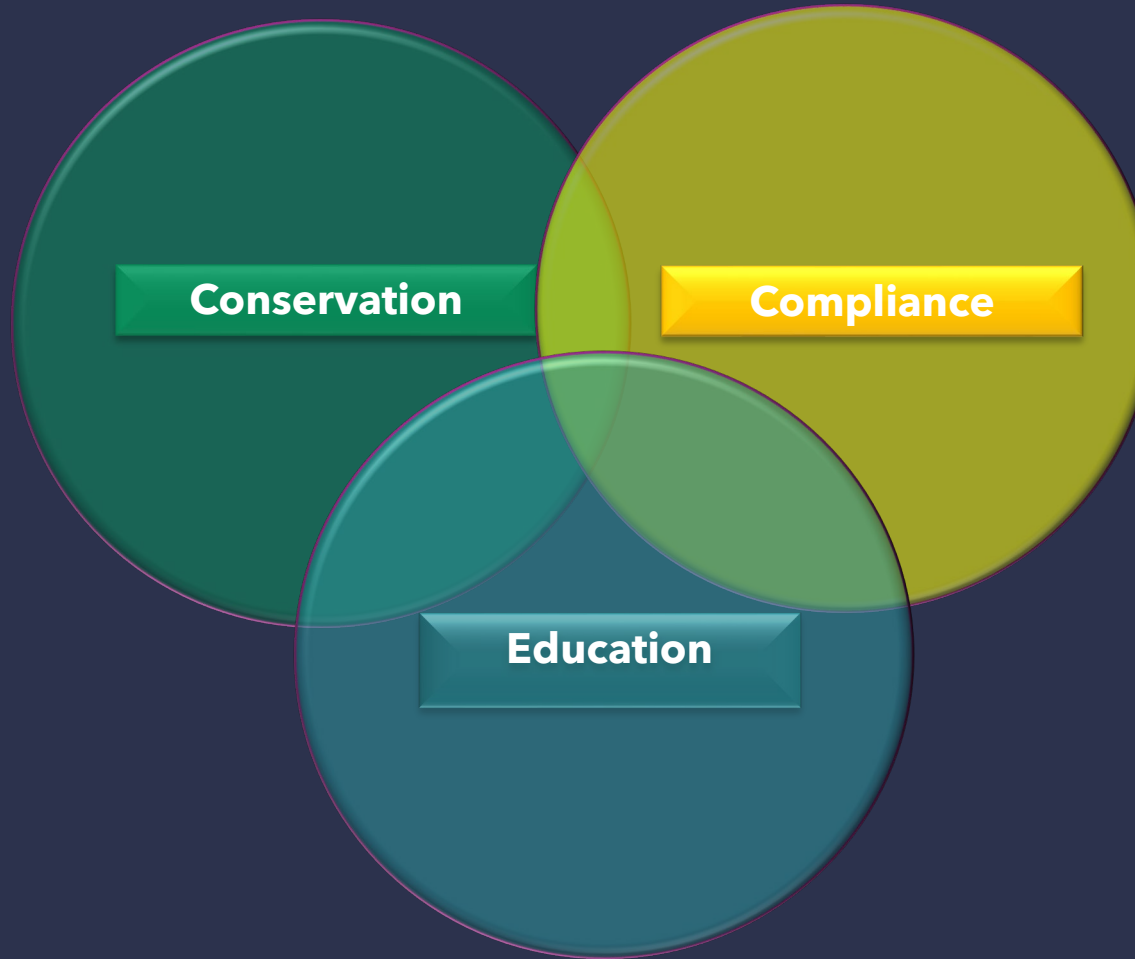


- Regular quarterly newsletters
- Assist with positive outcomes in terms of NEMA transgressions
- Boating compliance
- Continually updated and informative website

LBRCT FUNCTIONS



**Relies largely on
peoples' rule
adherence for land
use and infrastructure
development.
Conservation of
biodiversity**



**Registration and
licensing of boats and
by-law enforcement**

**Education and awareness – on the ground and within the larger
community**

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE



Lower Breede River Conservancy Trust Receipts and Expenditure Account For the year ended 30 June 2025

	Actual Y/E June '25 R'	Budget Y/E June '26 R'
Receipts		
Boat Licences	1 213 605	1 225 000
Commission Paid iro Licence Fees	(89 452)	(93 000)
Municipal Subsidies	820 000	866 000
Interest	68 545	55 000
Donations	8 520	3 000
	<u>2 021 218</u>	<u>2 056 000</u>
Expenditure		
Accounting and Administration	(39 910)	(43 800)
Audit fees	(30 000)	(33 000)
Communication	(20 425)	(14 200)
Fuel - Boats & Vehicles	(93 345)	(95 000)
Insurance	(18 491)	(19 700)
Maintenance & Repairs - Boats & Vehicles	(108 829)	(109 500)
Personnel	(1 365 403)	(1 509 500)
Premises	(92 975)	(100 100)
Printing & Stationery	(20 672)	(19 800)
	<u>(1 790 049)</u>	<u>(1 944 600)</u>
Capital Expenditure - net	<u>(226 065)</u>	<u>(300 000)</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>(2 016 114)</u>	<u>(2 244 600)</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	<u>5 104</u>	<u>(188 600)</u>

WHERE DO THE FUNDS GO?



- Regular patrols by qualified municipal law enforcement officers
- Enforcement of the municipal bylaw and Marine Living Resources Act
- Reporting of land use development transgressions
- Issue of boat licences and the administration thereof



- Education, newsletters, brochures and signage
- Animal rescues, marine mammal strandings, water quality testing and snake catch and release
- Beach clean-ups and slipway monitoring
- Conservation projects



COMPLIANCE AND CONSERVATION



COMPLIANCE



TRIPARTITE MUNICIPAL SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT



Boating and Fishing

- Ensure safe and lawful recreational boating and fishing as prescribed by the By-Law.
- Inspect Municipal Boat Licences, Skippers Licences, and Fishing Permits

Environment

- Protect the environment through water quality monitoring and reporting, as well as recreational activity regulation enforcement

Land use and Developments

- Ensure all building and/or plot clearing is authorised and report illegal developments

Slipway Monitoring

- Monitor Swellendam Municipality's Public Launch Sites (PLS) during busy periods

FISHERY CONTROL OFFICERS



Four LBRCT rangers and one Trustee are appointed Fishery Control Officers by the DFFE.

Ensure compliance with the **Marine Living Resource Act** (conservation of marine resources such as fish and bait species).

- Inspect recreational and commercial fishing permits
- Inspect recreational and commercial vessels
- Inspect restaurants and shops
- Enforce the night fishing ban
- Fine transgressors and confiscate equipment / marine resources

RIVER MANAGEMENT BY-LAW COMPLIANCE



Type of Transgression	LAST YEAR (January – December 2024)		THIS YEAR (January – December 2025)	
	Warnings	Fines	Warnings	Fines
Without a valid skipper's licence	2			
Without a municipal boat licence	23	4	19	6
Exceeding load limitations	3			
Expired safety equipment	1	1		3
Fishing under motorised power		1		5
Failure to display a red flag		2		
Skiing without an observer	1	2		
Entering the bow deck or gunwale of a boat while safety rails or guards are insufficient	1			
Conducting business or trading without permission			1	
In contravention of the usage zone of the river			1	
Person under 16 operating a boat without supervision			1	

MARINE LIVING RESOURCE ACT COMPLIANCE



Type of Transgression	LAST YEAR (January – December 2024)		THIS YEAR (January – December 2025)	
	Warnings	Fines	Warnings	Fines
Fishing without a permit	2	14	1	13
Cast net after sunset				2
Exceeding bag limits		4		3
Undersize fish/bait		6		3
No invoice available for inspection		1		
Fishing at night		3		7

FISHING PERMIT AND BOAT LICENCE COMPLIANCE RATE

$$\text{Compliance Rate} = \frac{\text{Inspections} - \text{Transgressions}}{\text{Inspections}}$$

January to December 2024:

Boat Licences – 673

Fishing Permits – 1587

Number of transgressions – 71

$$= \frac{(673 + 1587) - 71}{(673 + 1587)}$$

$$= \frac{2189}{2260} = 96,8 \%$$

January to 22 December 2025:

Boat Licences – 523

Fishing Permits – 1245

Number of transgressions – 65

$$= \frac{(523 + 1245) - 65}{(523 + 1245)}$$

$$= \frac{1703}{1768} = 96,3 \%$$

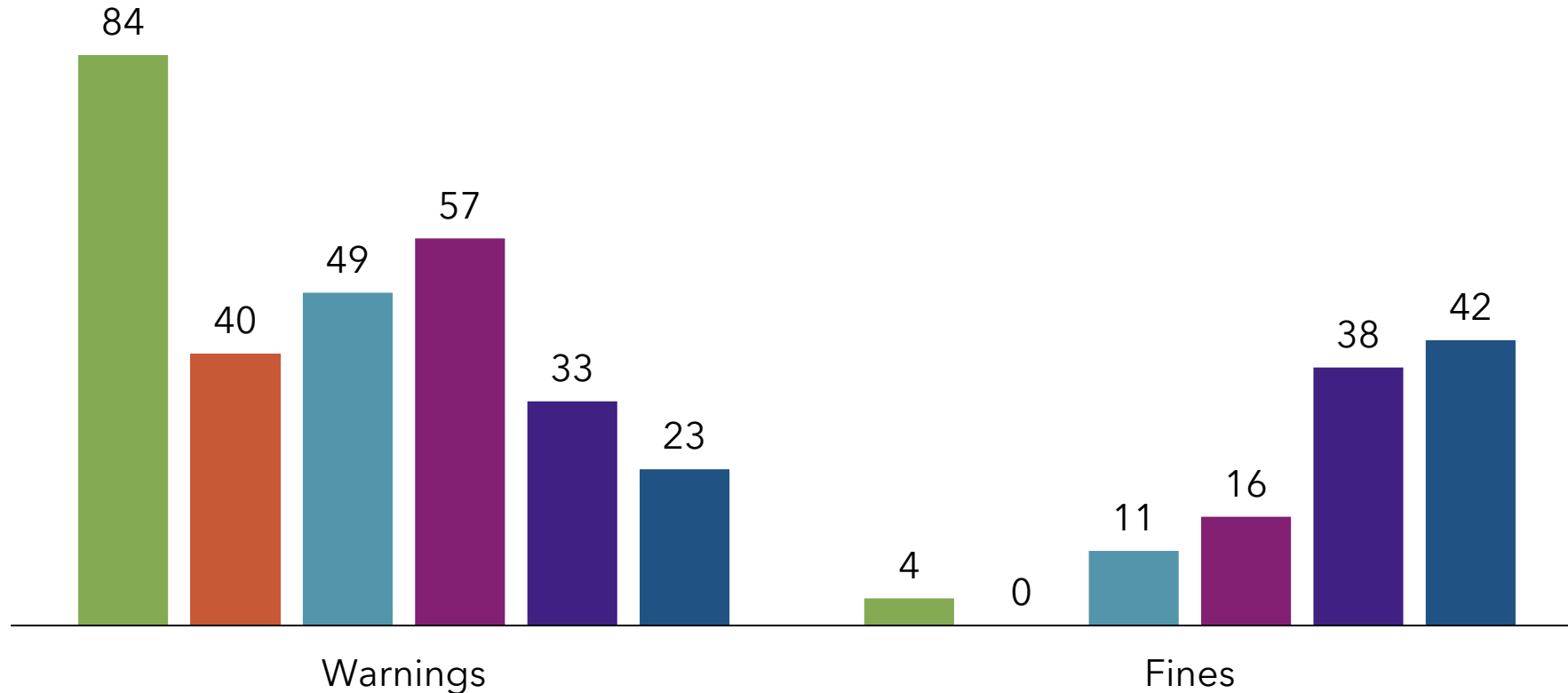


NON-COMPLIANCE



Fines and Warnings 2019-2025

2019/20 2020/21 2021/22 2022/23 2023/24 2025



*2025 figures are cumulative from 1 January to 22 December 2025

LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENTS



Common developments include:

- Construction of additional dwellings and structures
- Construction of jetties and slipways
- Excavation
- Vegetation clearing

Erven under development cross-checked for municipal and/or provincial compliance – 32

SLIPWAY MONITORING



The LBRCT has an agreement with Swellendam Municipality to monitor its Public Launch Sites (PLS) during busy periods.

We currently have a team monitoring the Moddergat and Infanta slipways over the December/January school holidays.



INFANTA HONORARY RANGERS

In collaboration with the IRRA, the LBRCT has appointed Honorary Rangers to assist in the monitoring of the Infanta Slipway.

The rangers support the monitors by reporting slipway activity and offences to the LBRCT and engaging with the public.





CONSERVATION



AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICES



Rescues and Rehabilitation



Assist with Ecological Sampling



Conduct monthly water quality monitoring



Record and Report Marine Mammal Strandings



Assist with Water Sampling



- CWAC Bird Counts
- Compliance Operations
- Snake Catch and Release



Snake Rescues in Witsand



ANIMAL RESCUES LAST YEAR (2024)

- Grysbokkie – 21/01/2024
- Brown house snake – 31/01/2024
- Black-shouldered Kite – 12/02/2024
- Dikkop – 06/03/2024
- Boomslang – 20/03/2024
- Grysbokkie – 22/03/2024
- Puff Adder – 02/04/2024
- 2 x Cape cobra – 03/04/2024 and 23/04/2024
- Loggerhead turtle – 28/04/2024
- Cape Cobra – 24/05/2024
- Loggerhead turtle – 03/06/2024
- Boomslang – 06/06/2024
- Puff Adder – 01/07/2024
- Puff Adder – 12/07/2024
- Springbokkie – 12/08/2024
- Cape Teal – 13/09/2024
- Puff Adder – 18/09/2024
- Puff Adder – 07/10/2024
- Puff Adder – 17/10/2024
- Mole Snake – 22/10/2024
- Blue Crane – 24/10/2024
- Mole Snake – 28/10/2024
- Puff Adder – 31/10/2024
- Brown house snake – 30/11/2024



ANIMAL RESCUES THIS YEAR (2025)



- Boomslang – 23/01/2025
- Puff Adder – 18/02/2025
- Leopard Tortoise – 17/03/2025
- Juvenile Boomslang – 21/03/2025
- Common Eggeater – 23/03/2025
- Brown house snake – 23/05/2025
- Eagle owl – 19/05/2025
- Dead and buried - Sea Gull and Cape Fur Seal.
- Boomslang – 20/07/2025
- Juvenile African Penguin – 27/07/2025
- Scrub hare – 31/07/2025
- Brown House Snake – 29/08/2025
- Tortoise – 06/09/2025
- Tortoise – 08/09/2025
- Vervet Monkey – 08/09/2025
- 2 x Puff Adders – 08/09/2025
- Slug-eater – 08/09/2025
- Brown House Snake – 09/09/2025
- Puff Adder – 09/09/2025
- Slug-eater – 16/09/2025
- Slug-eater – 03/10/2025
- Brown house snake – 03/10/2025
- Mole snake – 28/10/2025
- Puff adder – 30/10/2025
- Spotted skaapsteker – 05/11/2025
- Juvenile boomslang – 05/11/2025
- Puff adder – 06/11/2025
- Juvenile boomslang – 01/12/2025
- Dwarf sperm whale – 04/12/2025
- Puff adder – 12/12/2025



Recycle Month 2025

- 17 September 2025 – River Clean-up Day: 10 kg removed
- 20 September 2025 – International Coastal Clean-up Day: 16 kg removed
- 1 October 2025 – Vondeling School Clean-up: 34 kg removed

Results from the 2025 International Coastal Clean-up



12 adults • 7 children • 7 bags filled • 16.1 kg of litter removed

A special thank you to our prize sponsors:

- Anchorage Beach Restaurant & Bar
- Bitcoin Witsand
- Ellie's on Main
- Color my Style (Sharon Willemse)
- Spasie on Breede
- WJ Crafts - Koffie en Kletz



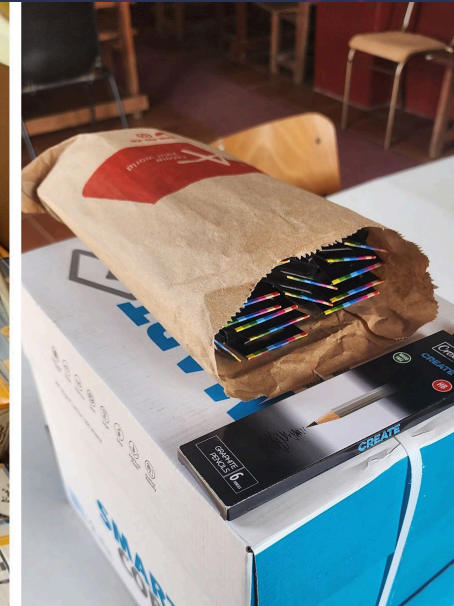
EDUCATION & AWARENESS



School Talks

13 March 2025

- Ouplaas Primary



14 April 2025

- Tiny Treasures –
Vermaaklikheid



School Talks

14 April 2025

- Brakfontein Primary



23 May 2025

- Molensrivier Primary



School Talks

26 June 2025

- Vondeling Primary



5 September 2025

- Mullersrus Primary



School Talks

1 October 2025

- Vondeling Primary

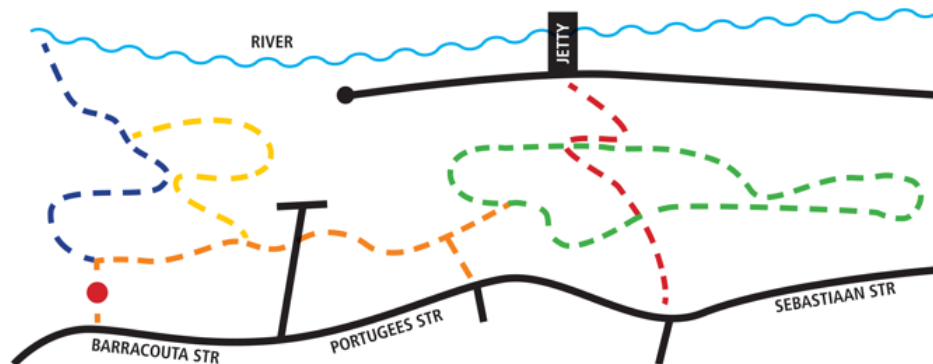


Witsand Nature Reserve Signage

Nature Reserve **WITSAND** Natuur Reservaat

PLEASE REMAIN ON THE PATHS AT ALL TIMES

BLY ASSEBLIEF ALTYD OP DIE PAAIE



ADVISORY:
 • Please stay on paths and do not take short cuts
 • Be aware of snakes
 • Use at own risk
ADVISERENDE:
 • Bly asseblief op die paaie en moenie kortpaaie neem nie
 • Bewus te wees van slange
 • Gebruik op eie risiko

YOU ARE HERE / U IS NOU HIER
 ● GRYSBOKROETE - 1.1 km
 ● NICK'S TRAIL - 0.7 km
 ● RIVERS EDGE ROUTE - 0.5 km
 ● SEE-UISTIGROETE - 0.3 km
 ● JETTY ROETE - 0.3 km



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE UPKEEP OF THIS NATURE RESERVE PLEASE EMAIL witsandnature@gmail.com
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BLY ASSEBLIEF ALTYD OP DIE PAAIE



YOU ARE HERE / U IS NOU HIER
 ● GRYSBOK 1.1 KM
 ● JETTY 0.3 KM
 ● NICK'S TRAIL 0.7 KM
 ● SEA VIEW 0.3 KM
 ● RIVER'S EDGE 0.5 KM

THE WITSAND NATURE RESERVE IS A REGISTERED NON-PROFIT ORGANISATION THAT RELIES ON DONATIONS TO MAINTAIN THE FOOTPATHS AND REMOVE ALIEN VEGETATION. IF YOU ENJOY THIS RESERVE PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING VIA EFT OR SNAPSCAN.
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Bar-throated Apalis
(*Apalis thoracica*)

The Bar-throated Apalis is a small, pretty bird known for its duetting song, with the female's call being higher-pitched than the male's. It is often found foraging with its partner in mixed-species flocks looking for insects.

When identifying the Bar-throated Apalis, look for a lively little bird with a black band across its breast.



Cape Grysbok
(*Raphicerus melanotis*)

The Cape grysbok is a shy, small antelope, known for its reddish-brown coat and solitary nature. Only males have horns, which are small and sharp, typically measuring up to 8 cm.



Southern Double-Collared Sunbird
(*Cinnyris chalybeus*)

The Southern double-collared sunbird is a small, nectar-feeding bird known for its distinctive bright plumage and its characteristic high-pitched calls. They can hover like a hummingbird to feed, but usually perch.



Speckled Mousebird
(*Colius striatus*)

Mousebirds are known for their rodent-like movements and appearance. They are social, arboreal (tree-loving), and acrobatic. Mousebirds can feed upside down and have strong claws which they use to search for berries, fruit, and flower buds.



Carpenter Bee
(*Xylocopa caffra*)

September Bush
(*Polygala myrtifolia*)

A neat relationship exists between carpenter bees and the September bush. The flowers of the September bush are a pretty mauve colour and have an unusual form - the central petals form a keel presenting a very distinctive end tuft. When the carpenter bee lands, its abdomen presses the tuft downwards and pollinates the flower.



Cape Bulbul
(*Pycnanotus capensis*)

The white ring around the eye is a characteristic feature of the Cape Bulbul, which are common in the wooded sections of Witsand.

These social birds feed mainly on fruit, berries, and occasionally on flowers.



Witsand Nature Reserve Signage



RIVERWISE NEWSLETTER



September 2025

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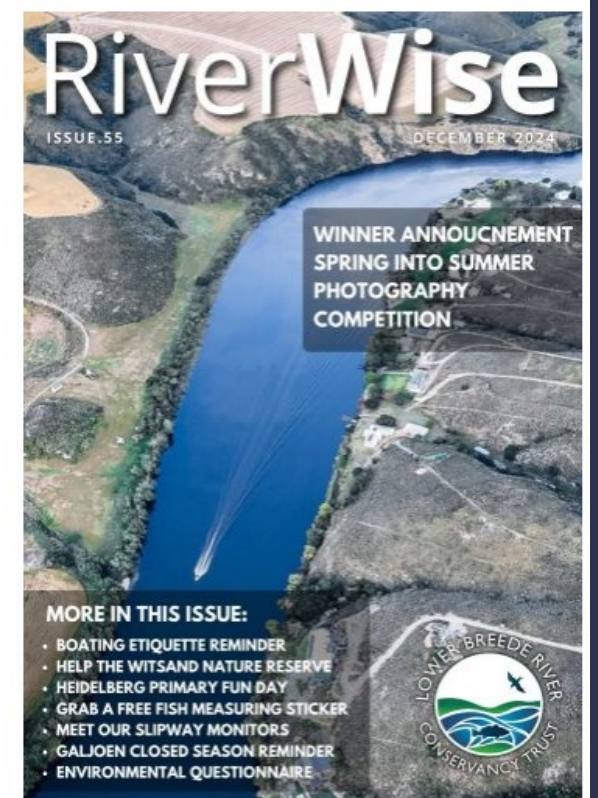
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December 2024

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SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEBSITE

- Instagram
- Facebook
- WhatsApp
- breede-river.org






The mission of the LBRICT is to conserve and protect in a sustainable manner, the natural resources and living species in the biological and ecologically sensitive Breede River Estuary and the adjoining land areas while at the same time promoting safe and lawful recreational use

For news updates visit us on social media

HOME ROATING DOCUMENTS CONSERVATION BLOGS MEMBERSHIP CONTACT US



The LBRICT has a small team that works with conservation and research organisations, as well as law enforcement agencies, to achieve its objectives. LBRICT boasts patrol the river regularly, diligently taking water samples, doing bird counts, and checking licences and compliance. Please cooperate with their requests, they are **working for you**.

Plan your trip:


WEATHER

WIND

TIDES

CYCLING MALGAS

CYCLING DE HOOP



The LBRICT invites you to our
Annual Information Meetings

Monday, 23 December 2024
09h00 Malagas Hotel

Thursday, 2 January 2025
09h00 Witsand Gemeenskapsaal

(The meetings will last ±1.5 hours each)

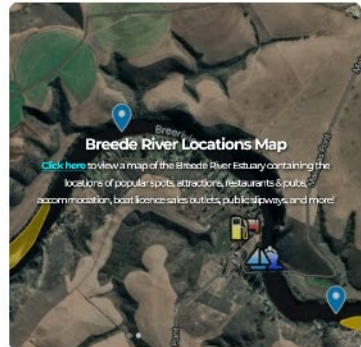
Topics to share with you include:

- Introduction
- Financial report
- By-law and marine compliance on the estuary
- Education and awareness

Branded merchandise will be available for sale.


We look forward to seeing you!

For any inquiries:
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Breede River Locations Map

Click here to view a map of the Breede River Estuary containing the locations of popular spots, attractions, restaurants & pubs, accommodation, boat licence sales outlets, public slipways, and more!



RiverWise
Read the latest RiverWise

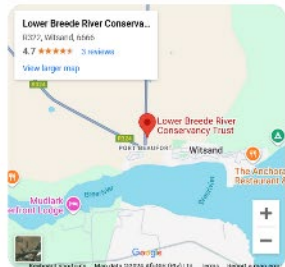
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COMPETITION CLOSING SOON: Don't miss out on big prizes - Spring into Summer Photography Competition
WATCH: Malgas Potjekas Competition and Animal Rescues
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Educating the future generations of Riversdale
Snake season awareness - what to know
Results from the International Coastal Clean-up in September
NEMA training workshop

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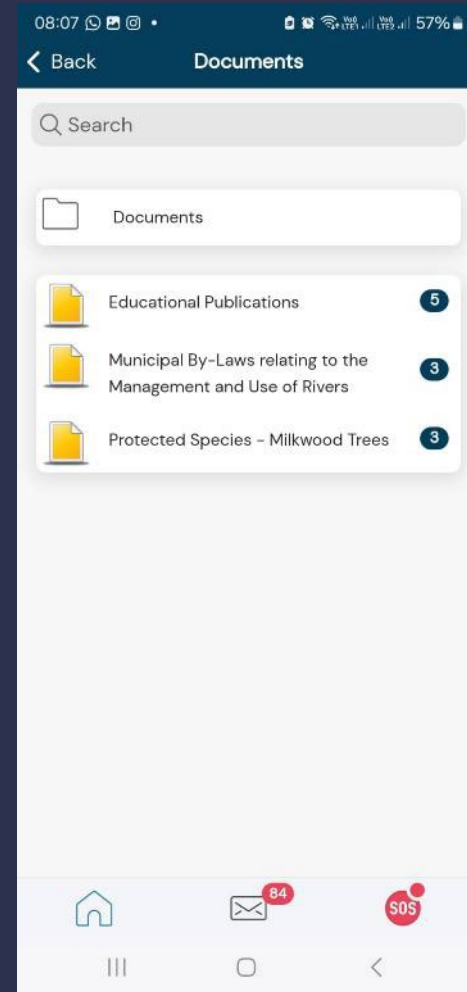
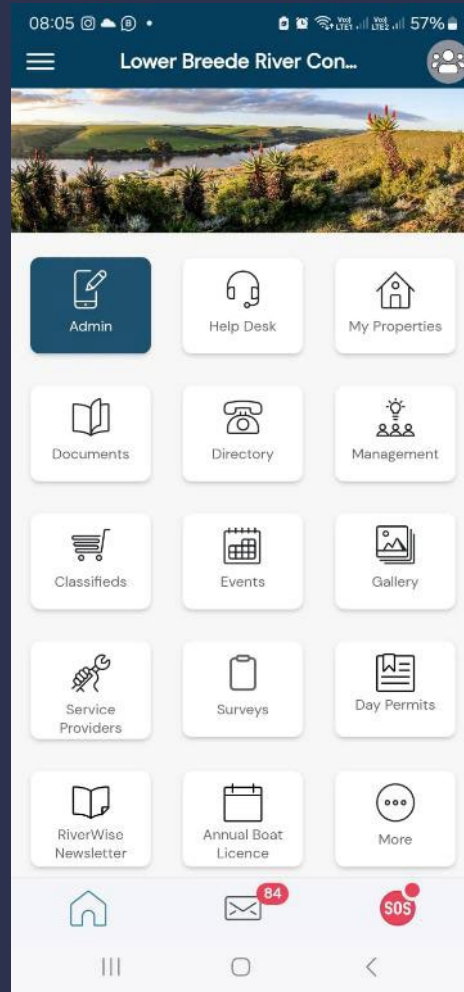
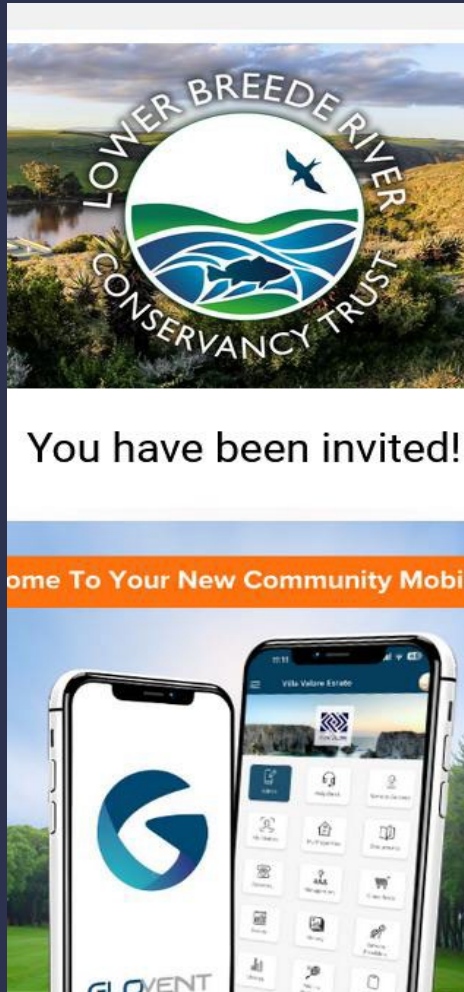
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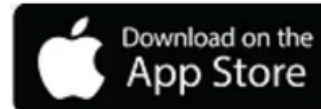
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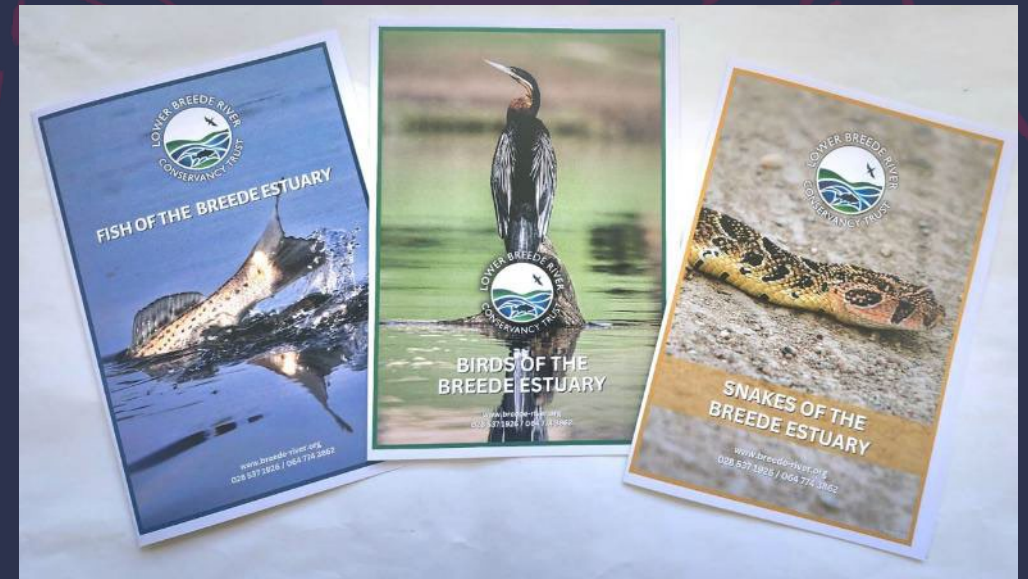
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PUBLICATIONS

- Fish, Birds and Snakes of the Breede Estuary



- How to Purchase your Fishing Licence



HOW TO PURCHASE YOUR RECREATIONAL FISHING PERMIT



Recreational Fishing Permits are available **online** through the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment.

YOU WILL NEED



Laptop with Internet



Debit / Credit Card



Cell with Bank App

FOLLOW THE STEPS ON THE NEXT PAGE



STEP ONE: USER REGISTRATION

- Using a laptop, visit <https://www.fishing.dffe.gov.za>
- Click 'Create a Profile' or 'Login'


STEP TWO: APPLICATION

- Click 'New Application'
- Select Monthly or Annual permit option
- Enter personal details and select permit options
- Click 'Save & Add New Application' to apply for multiple permits **OR** click 'Save & Proceed' to make payment

STEP THREE: PAYMENT

- Review costs and click 'Proceed to Payment'
- Agree to Terms and Conditions
- Click 'Pay Now' and enter debit/credit card details
- Approve the payment using your banking app or enter the one-time-pin (OTP)

STEP FOUR: DOWNLOAD PERMIT

- Click the  icon to download your permit as a .PDF file

IMPORTANT

- Apply using a laptop. Cell phone payments are problematic.
- The website can be temporarily unavailable without notification.
- Remember to keep your permit on your phone or print it out for inspection purposes.

- Fish measuring stickers



MERCHANDISE

Caps



Sand

R170
each



Charcoal



Light Grey

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Red Flags



R130



**THANK YOU
QUESTIONS?**

