



**ANNUAL INFORMATION MEETING**  
**29th DECEMBER 2025**

*Jean Tresfon*

# 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



## TRUSTEES



## STAFF

Jason Oxley  
Manager

Tertia Meyer  
Office Administrator

Gershwin Fielies  
Ranger

Luton Lotz  
Assistant Ranger

Tertius Josephs  
Ranger

Chad Rozenkrantz  
Assistant Ranger

Part-time monitor 1

Part-time monitor 2

Part-time monitor 3

Part-time monitor 4

# 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



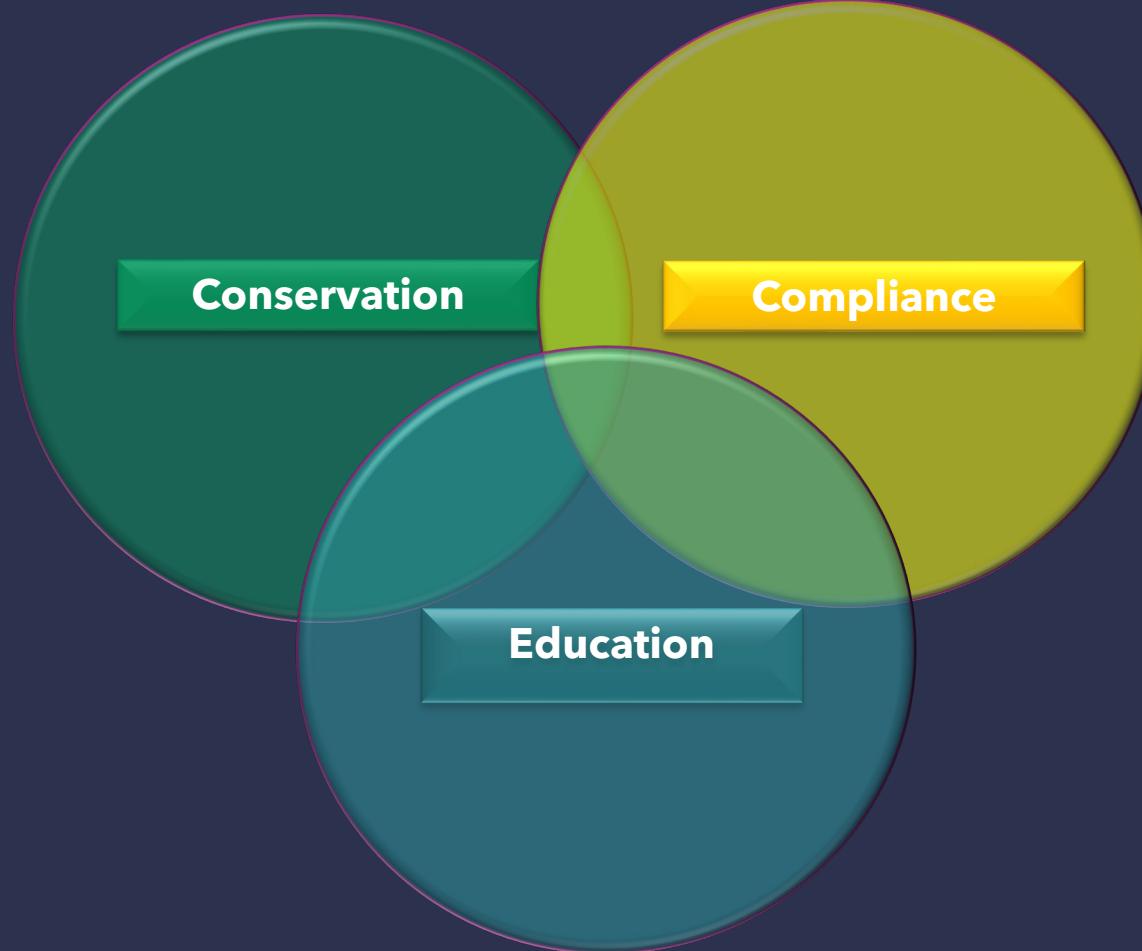
- Six Municipal Peace Officers
- Five Fishery Control Officers
- A constructive and positive relationship with the authorities
- Combined operations with CapeNature for MLRA compliance



- 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'
<b>Receipts</b>		
Boat Licences	1 213 605	1 225 000
Commission Paid into Licence Fees	(89 452)	(93 000)
Municipal Subsidies	820 000	866 000
Interest	68 545	55 000
Donations	8 520	3 000
	<b>2 021 218</b>	<b>2 056 000</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
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)
	<b>(1 790 049)</b>	<b>(1 944 600)</b>
<b>Capital Expenditure - net</b>	<b>(226 065)</b>	<b>(300 000)</b>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>(2 016 114)</b>	<b>(2 244 600)</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>	<b>5 104</b>	<b>(188 600)</b>

# 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

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

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

January to 22 December 2025:

Boat Licences – 523  
Fishing Permits – 1245  
Number of transgressions – 65

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

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

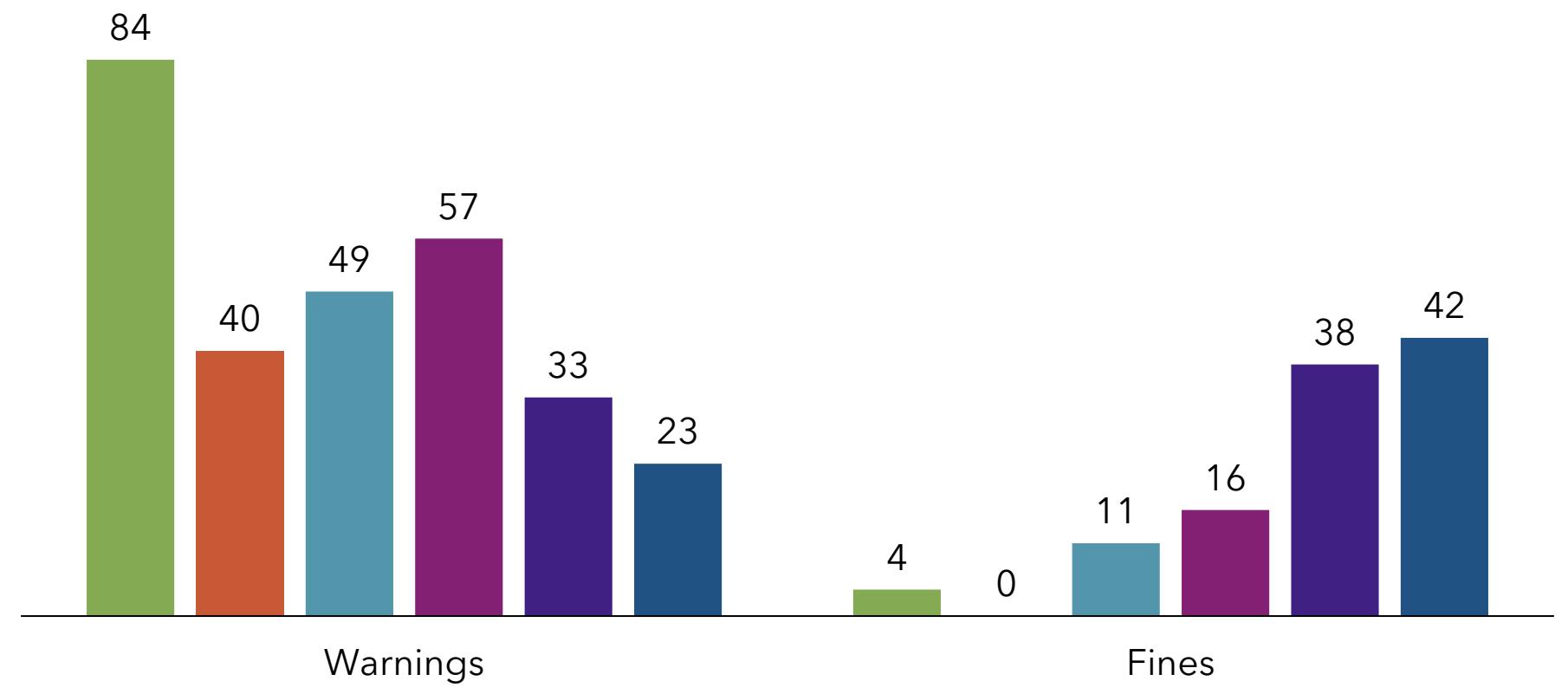


# NON-COMPLIANCE



## 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



Conduct monthly water quality monitoring



Environmental Affairs and Development Planning



Assist with Water Sampling



Snake Rescues in Witsand

Assist with Ecological Sampling



Record and Report Marine Mammal Strandings



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

# 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



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1 October 2025

- Vondeling Primary

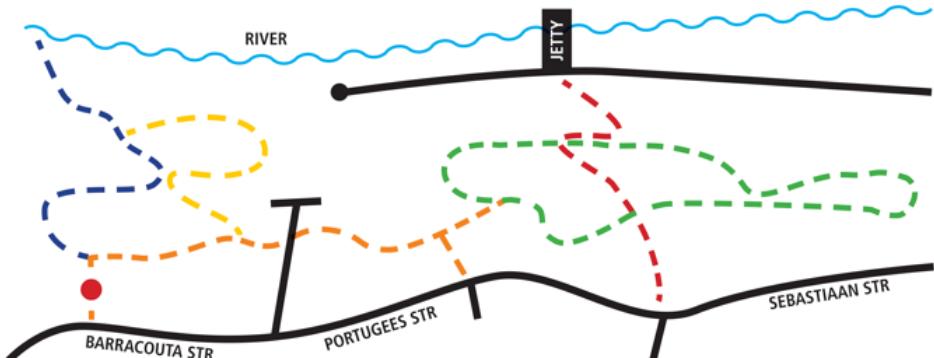


# Witsand Nature Reserve Signage

## 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 NUU HIER**  
■ GRYSBOKKROETE - 1.1 km  
■ NICK'S TRAIL - 0.7 km

■ RIVERS EDGE ROUTE - 0.5 km  
■ SEE-UITSIGROOTE - 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](mailto:witsandnature@gmail.com)  
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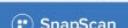
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Branch Code: 250655



Snap here to pay

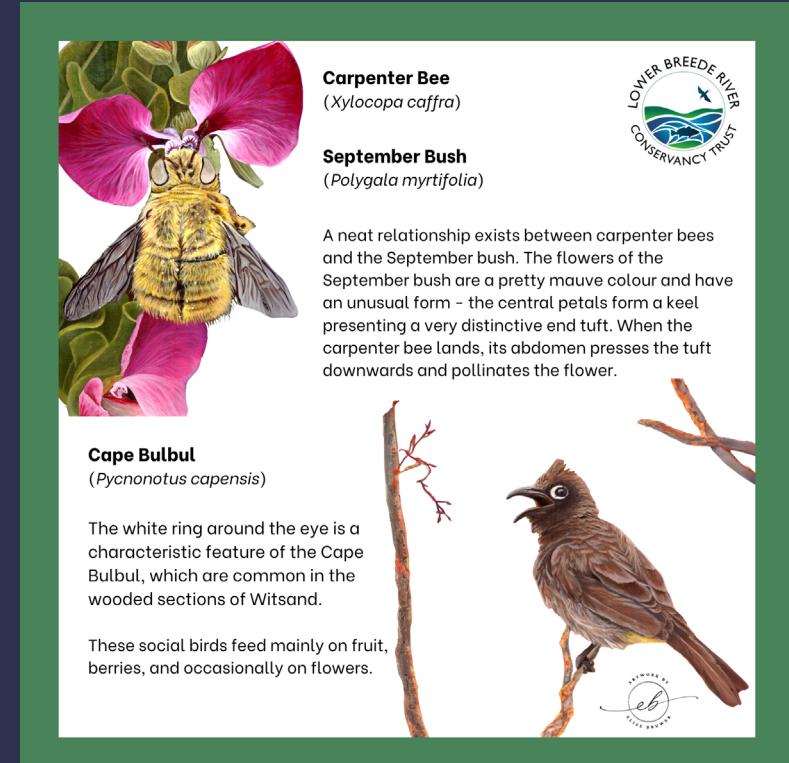


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# Witsand Nature Reserve Signage



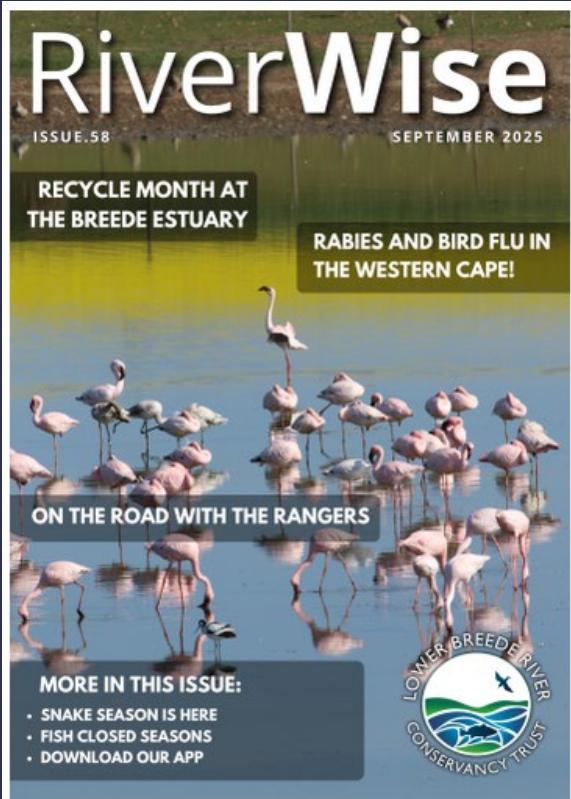
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# RIVERWISE NEWSLETTER



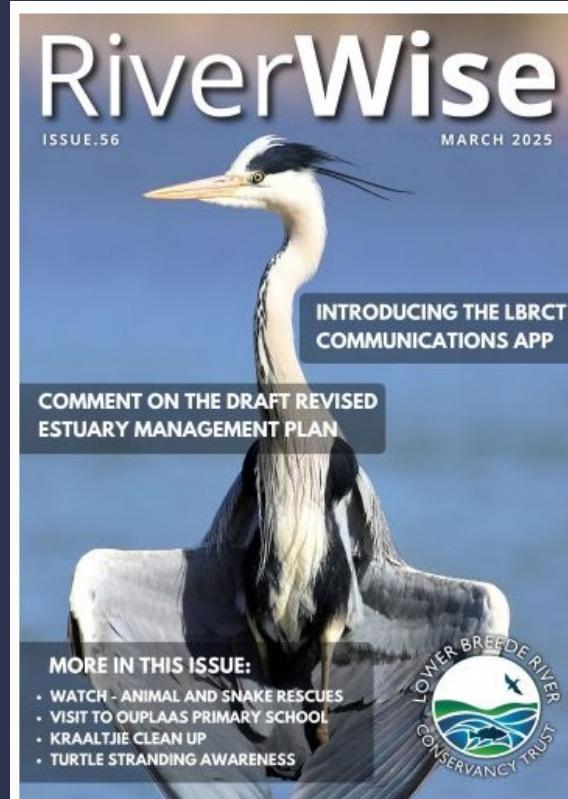
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**LOWER BREEDE RIVER CONSERVANCY TRUST**

**The mission** of the LBRCT 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.

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The LBRCT has a small team that works with conservation and research organisations, as well as law enforcement agencies, to achieve its objectives. LBRCT boats 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 LBRCT invites you to our **Annual Information Meetings**

**Monday, 23 December 2024**  
09h00 Malgas Hotel

**Thursday, 2 January 2025**  
09h00 Witsand Gemeenskapsaal

(The meetings will last ±1.5 hours each)

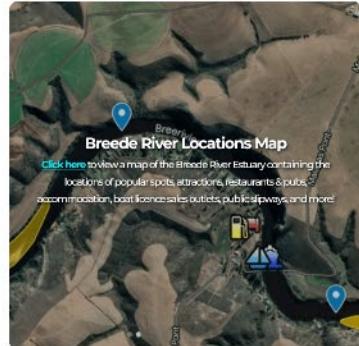
**Topics to share with you include:**

- Introduction
- Financial report
- Fly-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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**RiverWise**

SPRING INTO SUMMER PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION CLOSING SOON

MORE IN THIS ISSUE:

- SCHOOL OF THE RIVER
- ANIMALS OF THE BREEDE RIVER
- ANIMALS OF THE BREEDE RIVER
- MUSICAL HERD
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In this issue:

COMPETITION CLOSING SOON: Don't miss out on big prizes - Spring into Summer Photography Competition

WATCH: Malgas Potjiekos Competition and Animal Rescues

PARTICIPATE: Environmental Questionnaire Educating the future generations of Riversdale Snake season awareness - what to know Results from the International Coastal Clean-up in September

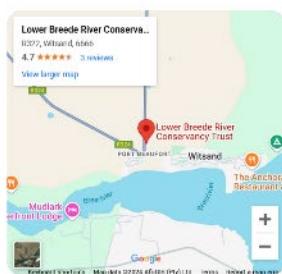
NEMA training workshop

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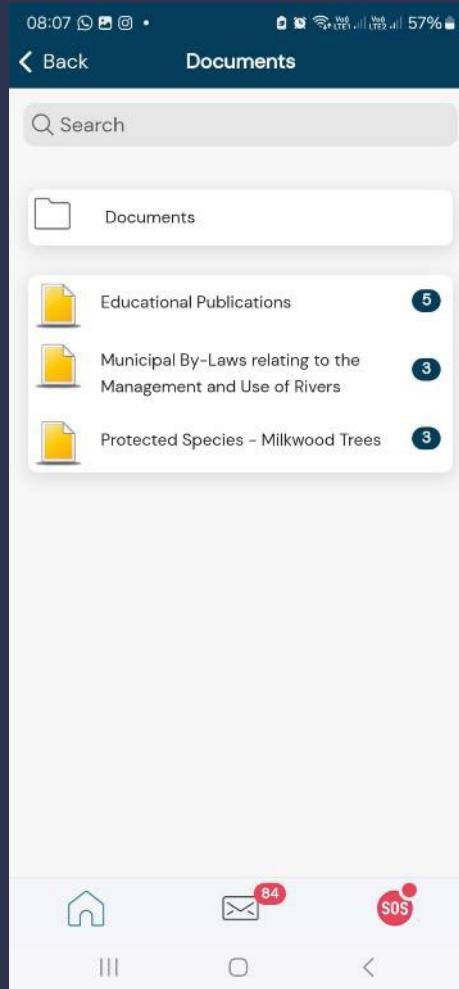
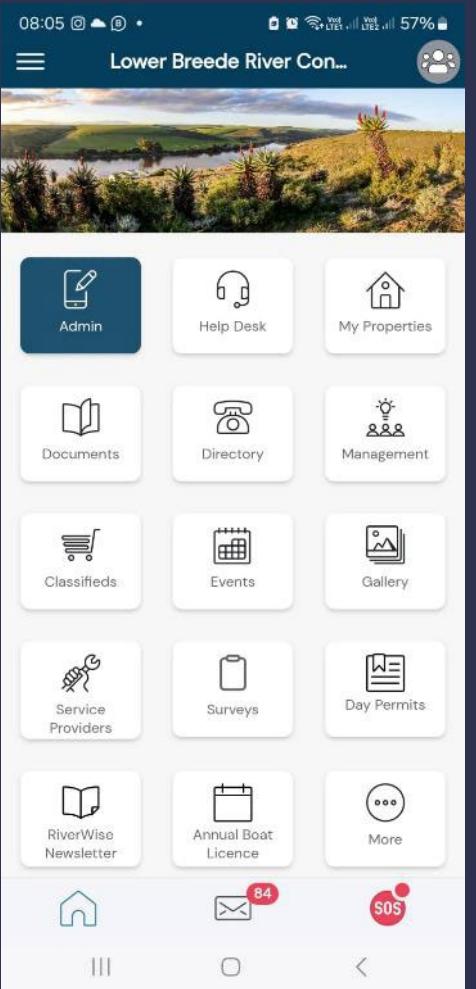
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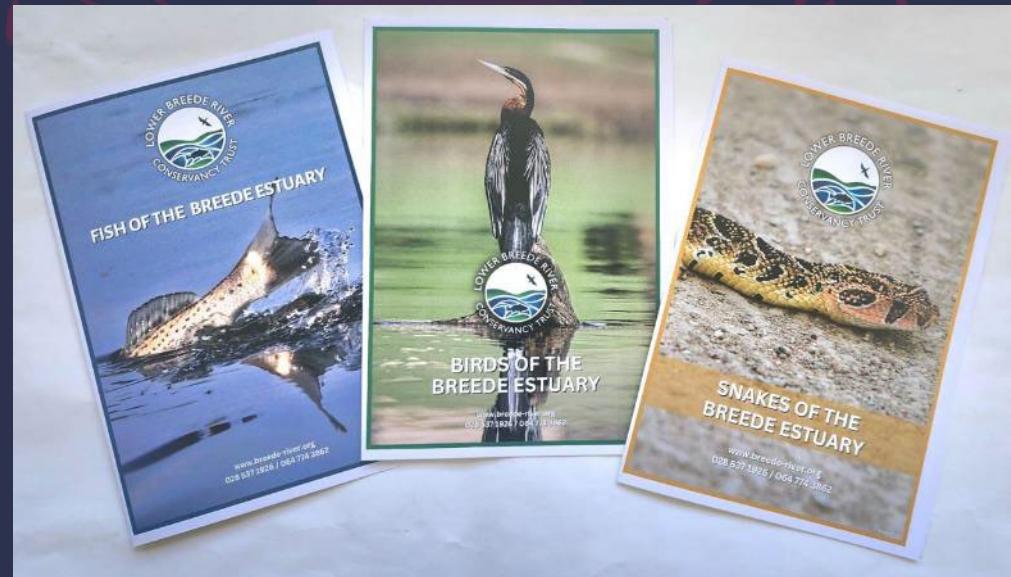
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# PUBLICATIONS

- 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



### 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

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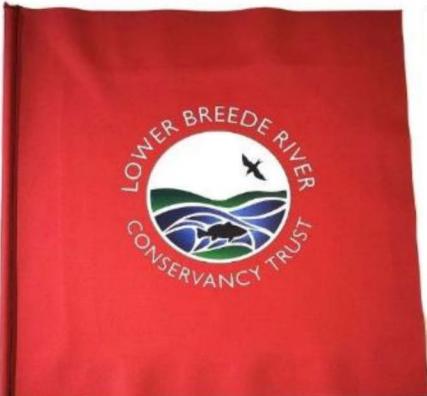
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## Red Flags



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