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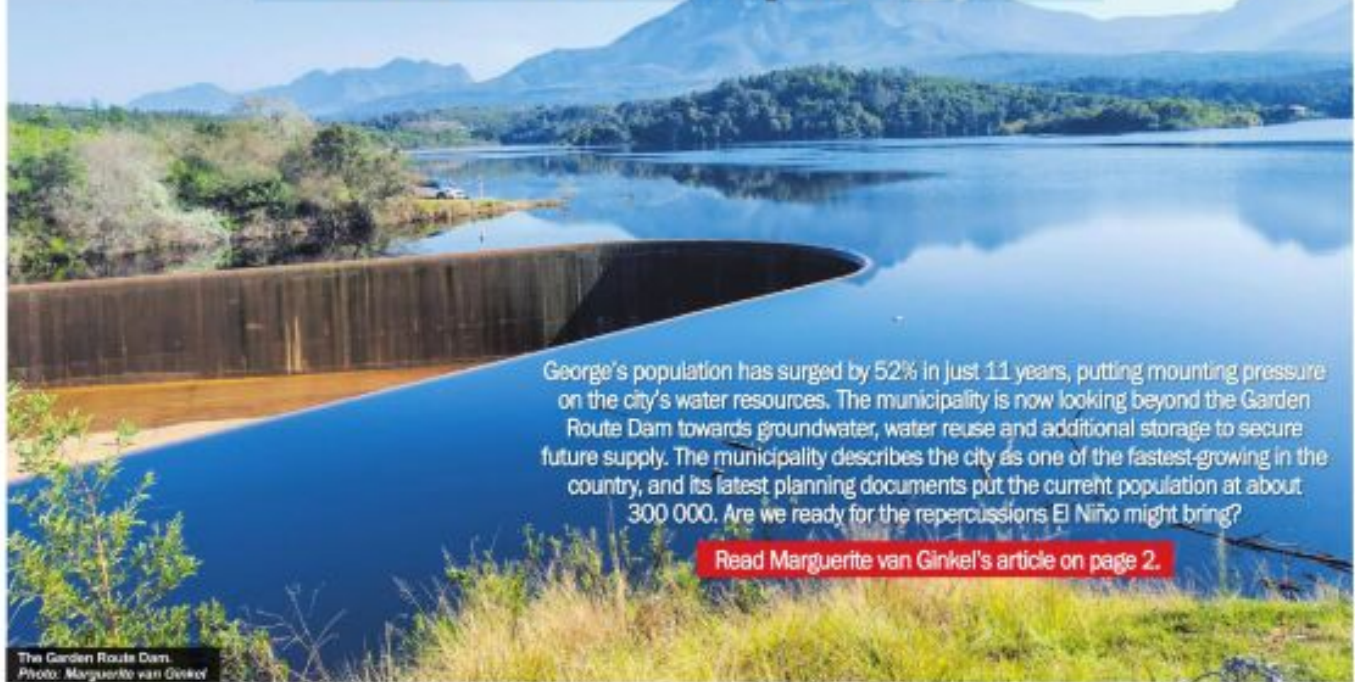


Informal dwellings
raise fire concerns
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Pacaltsdorp hostel
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under scrutiny
from WCED
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WARNING Water under pressure



George's population has surged by 52% in just 11 years, putting mounting pressure on the city's water resources. The municipality is now looking beyond the Garden Route Dam towards groundwater, water reuse and additional storage to secure future supply. The municipality describes the city as one of the fastest-growing in the country, and its latest planning documents put the current population at about 300 000. Are we ready for the repercussions El Niño might bring?

Read Marguerite van Ginkel's article on page 2.

The Garden Route Dam.
Photo: Marguerite van Ginkel

Walk in Doctor & Dentist

Sr. Alta Hechter

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Cape Environmental Assessment Practitioners PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS INTEGRATED CARA/NEMA(S24(4)(a)&(b)) PROCESS APPLICATION TO CULTIVATE PREVIOUSLY CULTIVATED LAND (H7.6ha)

Notice is hereby given of a Public Participation Process in terms of the Sections 24(4)(a) & (b) of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) and the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act (CARA).

The Applicant intends to cultivate approximately 7.6ha farmland that was previously cultivated on Rembrandt Farm Gwagang 206, George Municipal District.

Department of Agriculture: WCED/MA2026

DEA&CP Ref: TBC

Appointed Consultant to facilitate public participation: Cape EAPrac (Louise-Mari van Zyl) of Cape EAPrac (EAPASA Reg: 2019/1444)

Proposer: Braembos (Pty) Ltd

Proposal: The remarked areas will be utilized to cultivate a mixture of oats, sorghum, leaf, barley, wheat, maize, sunflower and lucerne on 7.6ha.

Location: The remarked areas on RE206 are located directly south of the N2 national road, approximately 1.5km West of Olimpie School and 2km West of Deville Park (Pacaltsdorp).

Information Available: The integrated CARA permit compiled by Mr Dawie de Villiers from the Department of Agriculture: Sustainable Resource Use and Management: LandCare Unit (George), inclusive of a specialist Terrestrial and Plant Species Sensitivity Compliance Report compiled by Confluent Consulting.

Listed activities: Listing Notice 1(27) for clearance of indigenous vegetation of 1ha or more, but less than 25ha; Listing Notice 3(12)(8) for clearance of 300sqm of indigenous vegetation or more within critical biodiversity area (CBA).

Interested & Affected Parties (I&APs) who may have an interest in this application process are invited to submit their contact details along with any comments they may have on the available documentation, to the undersigned within the prescribed 30-day commenting period extending from Friday, 18 September – 18 October 2026. I&APs who register in this manner will have their comments/submissions recorded and reflected in the Comments & Response Report which will serve to inform decision-making. Registered I&APs will also be kept informed of the outcome of the application process.

Registrations & comments on the integrated CARA/NEMA(S24(4)(a) & (b)) application process

Cape EAPrac

Attention: Ms Louise-Mari van Zyl

Email: louise@cape-eaprac.co.za

PO Box 2070, George, 6530. 044 874 0305

Take Note: In the POPIA legislation when registering as an I&AP a person consents to the lawful processing of personal information for the intended purposes, as described by the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act no. 4 of 2013). By registering/submitting comment a person agrees that his/her contact details will, where required by a public body, be reflected in regulated reports that must be compiled and submitted to the general public, registered stakeholders, organs of state as well as the competent authority for consideration and decision-making.



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NEMA PROCESS

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Relevant listed activities in terms of NEMA:

NEMA - Regulation GN No.327 (listing notice 1): activity nos. 12, & 27.

NEMA - Regulation GN No.326 (listing notice 2): activity nos. 4, 12, & 18.

Location: George Municipality Erf 325 (34° 0' 0.0" S; 23° 27' 32.2" E)

Date of Adverts: 17 September 2026

Proposer: George Municipality

Environmental Consultants: Hilland Environmental, P.O. Box 586, George, 6530. Tel: 044 880 0226.

Email: info@hilland.co.za and WhatsApp – 062 525 9905.

The NEMA Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) will be available for a 30-day commenting period (21 September 2026 – 22 October 2026). The reports will be available on <http://www.hilland.co.za/publiccomment325>.

Registration / Written inputs to reach us within the specified commenting period via email info@hilland.co.za or WhatsApp (send "George Stockpile NEMA" to 062 525 9905) and we can send you the required documents to review.

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PLANNING PROCESS

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Notification of the application for the proposed temporary departure, as described in BAR appendices (App N), is herewith included in the NEMA notification process, as provided for in Section 44 of the George Municipality By-Law on Municipal Land Use Planning (2020). The public comment period applicable to this application will coincide with the public comment period for the Basic Assessment Report (BAR). Any comments pertaining specifically to the proposed departure application must be submitted directly to Terrie Visagie, Land Surveyor, by email at terrie@hilland.co.za, attention: Lynette Groenewald.

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Difficulty: ★★

SUDOKU

It is all the squares in the grid so that each row, column and each of the 3x3 squares contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

Not only must each number only appear once for each row, column and each of the 3x3 squares, it must also appear only once for each vertical column.

ANSWERS OF LAST WEEK

SKRBA/KASSIERE NOK HARTENBOS

One Roeping

By NO Gernsma Hartenbos leef ons 'n eenvoudige, maar diepgewortelde roeping uit: "Sijn Jesus se lig." Ons is 'n groeiende gemeente met drie leiers wat doelgerig ontfinkel van 'n groot plattelandse gemeente na 'n volwaardige metro- en gestruktureerde. Teen hantse agtergrond bid ons in afhankelijkheid vir 'n Skriba/Kassiere wat nie net die omvang van hantse pos begryp nie, maar ook hantse roeping verstaan, uitleef en saam kan help deur die wyse waarop die gemeente se bedryfsheide bedryf en ondersteun word.

Primêre doel van pos

Die primêre doel van hantse pos behels ontvangs en skakelbord, 'n breë spektrum administratiewe pligte, doeltreffende finansiële administrasie wat die hantering van kontant, voorbereiding van brendokumente vir krediteure en salarisse insluit en is mede-verantwoordelik vir die hantering van die mees dringende werksaamhede van die bedryfsbeheerder in haar afwesigheid. Voorgenoemde moet daarop gerig wees om die geestelike bediening, inspannings, uitbreiding en uitlewing van die gemeente se roeping te ondersteun.

Skutverantwoordelike

Van die posbeheerder word verwag om die volgende verantwoordelike in die pos te hantse:

- Ontvangs en skakelbord
- Kommunikasie en skakelbord
- Twek, administrasie (wat die notulering van vergaderings insluit) en kassiering
- Lidmaatregisters (Winkers)
- Finansiële administrasie en kassierpligte
- Boekhouding/rekenhouding

Personeelverreke

- Kennis en kwalifikasies
 - Graad 12 Sertifikaat (met rekeningkunde)
 - Minimuum 3 jaar toepaslike ondervinding
 - Rekenaarvaardigheid (Administratief en Finansiële)
- Geestesle en persoonlike ingesletheid
 - 'n Lewende geloof en 'n hart vir die kerk en haar roeping
 - Die vermoë om geestesle sensitiwiteit en praktiese bestuur te integreer
 - Kritiese gedagde proses sluit, onder andere, die volgende in:
 - vierlesheid, geduld en goeie interpersonele verhoudings
 - werklikheid
 - noukeurigheid
 - syferooring
 - goeie beplannings- en organisasievermoë
 - uitstekende kommunikasievermoë
 - konsistensie
 - vermoë om by veranderende omstandighede aan te pas

Kandidate

Die pos vereis kantsopligtheid en verskure is voorgesle.

Vergoeding

'n Mededingende vergoedingspaakot binne die kerklike/nie-winsgewende sektor asook sekere diensvoordele word aangebied. Deur aansoek te doen bevestig die aansoekster bereidwilligheid tot toepaslike peigomeriese ewaluering.

Applikante word versoek om hulle CV's voor of op 30 September 2026 om 12:00 oam die Voorzitter, Personeelsgroep, André van Schalkwyk, by anv@nweb.co.za te epos. Datum van diensaanvording so gou doenlik.



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Location: George Municipal Erf 325 (34° 0'8.62"S | 22°27'32.20"E)

Date of Advert: 17 September 2026

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