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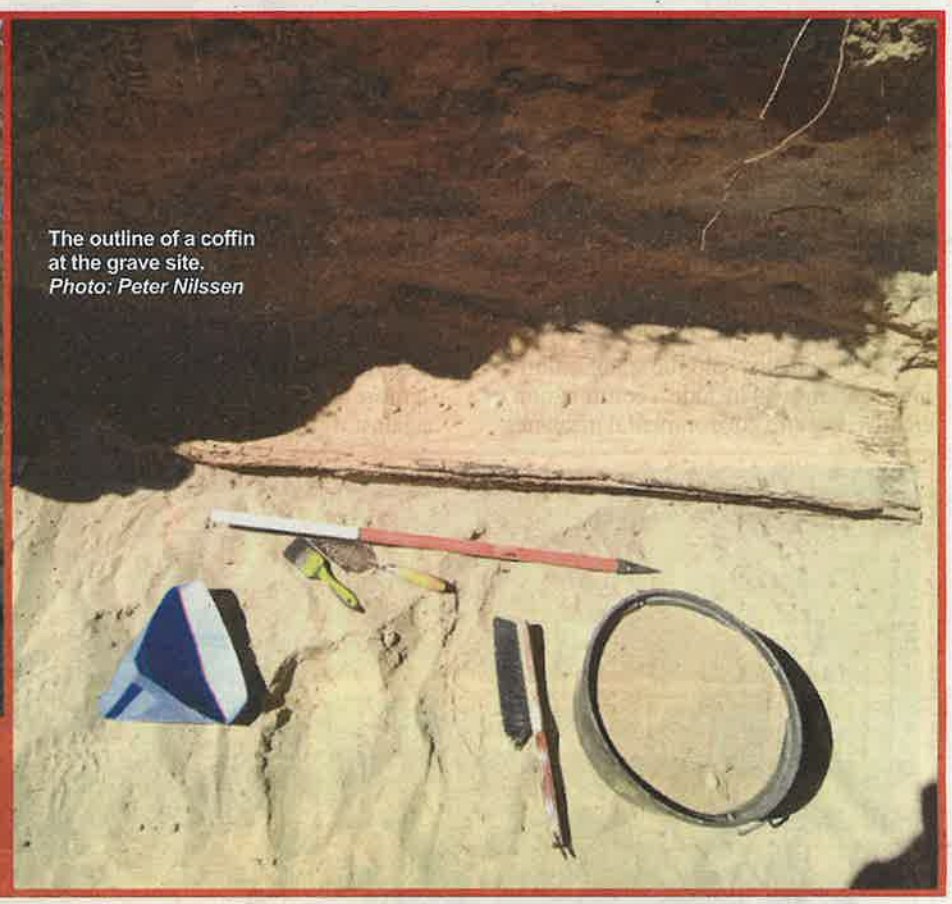
Archaeologist Peter Nilssen points to where he first saw a clear cut between natural and fill sediment and realised it was a grave shaft. *Photo: Louise Karsten*



The outline of a coffin at the grave site. *Photo: Peter Nilssen*

Who were they?

Hartland graves remain a mystery

Louise Karsten

At least nine individuals, five adults and four children, were found, although only eight graves were identified, as one had been disturbed by the construction.

The mystery surrounding an unknown historic cemetery uncovered during the construction at Hartland Lifestyle Estate near Hartenbos remains unsolved.

The public participation process is now completed, but no relatives or descendants have been identified.

The discovery of the graves, believed to date back to the 18th or 19th century, was made late last year during some development work on a cul-de-sac.

At least nine individuals, five adults and four children, were found, although only eight graves were identified, as one had been disturbed by the construction.

Archaeologist Peter Nilssen said there were no visible signs of the cemetery before construction began, and no gravestones or markings were found that could reveal who the buried were. "Despite a lot of investigation, the public participation process could not identify these individuals. Nobody knew these graves existed," he said.

Nilssen was called to the site after the workers had noticed some bones during the excavation. "The excavator was busy digging, and they started seeing bones. Some of the material had already been loaded onto tipper trucks, but fortunately, the workers realised something was wrong and emptied the material back here," he said.

The contractor immediately contacted the environmental control officer, who contacted the developer, and Nilssen arrived on the site shortly afterwards.

He said the developer had been very proactive in helping out with the whole process. "I identified the bones as human remains, and we immediately put up hazard netting around the site to secure it. The police arrived, collected some human remains and pieces of coffin wood, and the site was closed."

A permit application was then submitted to Heritage Western Cape as an emergency application to allow for investigation and removal of the remains.

During the investigation, Nilssen uncovered more graves than were initially expected. "I first saw a clear cut between natural and fill sediment and realised it was a grave shaft. I excavated down and found a complete coffin. Once I cleaned it up and documented it, I knew there were more than just two graves here."

The archaeological investigation revealed nine graves. Four could be left undisturbed as they were not affected by the development, while the remaining ones were too shallow and had to be rescued.

The human remains are currently being kept at the Da Gamaskop Police Station for safekeeping while Nilssen completes further

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MOSSEL BAY MUNICIPALITY

APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT OF MUNICIPAL BUILDING SITUATED ON ERF 14418 (±1 564M²) AND LAND SITUATED ON ERF 14419 (±1 588M²), MOONEY STREET, HIGH WAY PARK, KWANONQABA: CIVIC PARK CRECHE: BC 18

Notice is hereby given in terms of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act, 2003 (Act 56 of 2003) together with the Municipal Asset Transfer Regulations R878 of 2008 and the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 2000 (Act 32 of 2000).
In terms of Council Resolution, Item GM27-05/2026 it was resolved *inter alia* as follows:

"1. That approval be granted to the Applicant, Civic Park crèche, for the renewal of the Lease Agreement of the Municipal building (±208m²) situated on Erf 14418 (±1 564m²) and land situated on Erf 14419 (±1 588m²), Mooney Street, Highway Park, Kwanonqaba, as indicated on the annexed locality plan marked 'B', for a period of three (3) years, since it is not required for basic municipal purposes, at a rental amount of R680.00 (VAT inclusive) per month, in terms of Section 40(2)(c)(i) of the Municipal Supply Chain Management Regulations, with an annual escalation equal to the CPI-percentage, to be utilised for crèche and garden purposes. The applicable CPI-percentage shall be the CPI of two (2) months prior to the date of escalation in terms of the agreement.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:
Detailed particulars of the Council Resolution is available on the Mossel Bay Municipality website at www.mosselbay.gov.za and will be displayed at the municipal offices. It can also be requested from Ms S Jombile on sjombile@mosselbay.gov.za.
Any objections, comments, representations or alternative proposals regarding the Council's intention should be lodged in writing to the Municipal Manager, P.O. Box 25, Mossel Bay, 6500, alternatively by email to admin@mosselbay.gov.za on or before 20 July 2026. Any objections, comments, representations or alternative proposals which are received after the abovementioned closing date may not be taken into consideration.
Any interested or affected party are hereby requested to:
Submit similar or alternative proposals for the proposed renewal of lease of the property; and/or
Submit any objections, comments or representations regarding the proposed renewal of lease of the property on the terms and conditions as contained in the Council Resolution.
Any enquiries may be directed to Ms S Jombile on telephone number (044) 606 5000 or by email to sjombile@mosselbay.gov.za.
You are kindly requested to contact the abovementioned official to make arrangements for collection, viewing or assistance to provide your comments, objections or representations in writing.
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HAVE YOUR SAY

SUBMISSIONS ON THE WESTERN CAPE TWENTIETH GAMBLING AND RACING AMENDMENT BILL [B 2–2026]

The Standing Committee on Finance of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament (WCPP) invites stakeholders, interested persons and organisations to make submissions on the Western Cape Twentieth Gambling and Racing Amendment Bill [B 2–2026].

The Amendment Bill seeks to amend the Western Cape Gambling and Racing Act, 1996 (Act 4 of 1996), so as to provide for the payment of an increased bid fee by way of an economic opportunity tax; and to provide for matters incidental thereto.

Stakeholders, interested persons and organisations interested in engaging with the Committee may submit written submissions by email (email: zadams@wcpp.gov.za) or submit voice notes on WhatsApp (cellphone: 067 341 3934). Interested parties may also request to appear before the Standing Committee to make oral presentations.

All submissions and requests to appear before the Standing Committee must reach the Standing Committee by no later than Sunday 19 July 2026.

Submissions, enquiries and requests should be directed to Ms Zaheedah Adams (cellphone: 067 341 3934 or email: zadams@wcpp.gov.za).

For more information on the Amendment Bill, please visit the WCPP website at www.wcpp.gov.za.

Issued by Mr L van Wyk (MPP), Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Finance.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS
RE-SUBMISSION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCESS for PROPOSED 'OUDRIFT DAM'

Notice is hereby given of a Public Participation Process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, Act No 107 of 1998 as amended)

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process is being followed for assessment of the proposed 'Oudrift Dam' with associated infrastructure. The Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (DEA&DP, George) is the Competent Authority for decision-making. A previous application was facilitated by Kappec Consultants in 2024. This re-submission follows Regulation 21(2) of the Environmental Regulations which allows the EIA process to continue with the impact assessment phase.

DEA&DP Ref: 16/3/3/2/D6/25/0000/26 | **Environmental Consultant**: Cape EAPrac | **Proponent**: Klipheuwel Trust **Exemptions/Deviations**: None applied for

Proposal: Development of a 300 000m³ earth storage dam on Remainder Portion 3 & Remainder Portion 13 of Farm Klipheuvel, as well as Remainder Farm 147 BANFF with associated feeder/discharge pipe (250mmØ over 600m distance crossing the Moordkuils River – via anchor blocks), outlet pipe, pump house, overflow, overflow channel, v-notch structure to measure any overflow from the neighbouring Klipheuwel Dam and possibly re-routing of an existing farm track above the full supply level mark, including associated erosion control measures. Water abstraction falls within the existing lawful use (ELU) registered for the farm.

Location: Dam site is located +/-520 m from the northern shore of the existing Klipheuwel Dam. The location of the proposed Oudrift Dam is at 34°2'56.12"S and 22°8'15.04"E (central point for dam) located approximately 4km North of Kleinbrak River township in the Mossel Bay Municipal district.
Information Available: The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR), inclusive of the adopted Final Scoping Report and Water Use License (WULA) which has been issued for the dam, is available electronically and can be downloaded from www.cape-eaprac.co.za (under Active Projects the project is listed as 'Oudrift Dam Draft EIR'. This office can also send copies of the report via electronic platforms such as WeTransfer or directly via email on request. For any other circulation options please contact us directly.

Listed activities: NEMA Listing 1 (Activities 12, 17, 19, 19A, 27 – removal of indigenous vegetation, development within watercourses / in proximity to estuarine functional zone), Listing 2 (Activity 16 – dam with a wall height higher than 5m), Listing Notice 3 (Activity 12 – removal of indigenous vegetation).

To be **registered** as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) this application, stakeholders are requested to register and respond to this notice by submitting their complete contact details and/or preliminary comments on the Draft Impact Report, to *Cape EAPrac* in writing on, or before **20 July 2026.** [Correspondence throughout the remainder of the environmental process will be distributed to **registered** I&APs only].

Registrations & comments:
Cape EAPrac
Attention: Louise-Mari van Zyl (appointed EAP EAPASA Reg: 2019/1444))
Email: louise@cape-eaprac.co.za
PO Box 2070, George, 6530; 044 874 0365

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS
BASIC ASSESSMENT APPLICATION

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR PIENAARSTRAND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE, GREAT BRAK RIVER, MOSSEL BAY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT, WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE

Notice is hereby given of a Public Participation Process in terms of the National Environmental Management Act (NEMA, Act No 107 of 1998 as amended).

An application for a **Basic Assessment** has been submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning (Western Cape, George) as the competent authority for decision-making.

DEA&DP Ref: 16/3/3/1/D6/17/0027/26 **Exemptions/Deviations**: None applied for

Applicant: Mossel Bay Municipality **Environmental Consultant**: *Cape EAPrac*

Appointed EAP: Louise-Mari van Zyl (EAPASA Reg: 2019/1444), assisted by Candidate EAP Mariska Byleveld (EAPASA Reg: 2023/6593).

Location: The project area is situated within Great Brak River in the Mossel Bay Municipal District. The activities will take place at Eekhoring Street in Outeniqua Strand, Bitou Street in Botha Strand, and along Morrison Road, extending from Eekhoring Street to Dolphins Creek Golf Estate in *The Island* suburb.

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Information Available: A Draft Basic Assessment Report (BAR) will be available for a 30-day commenting period, extending from **Monday, 22 June 2026 to Tuesday, 21 July 2026**. The reports will be available digitally from Monday, 22 June 2026 via www.cape-eaprac.co.za under *Active Projects*. Alternative access arrangements can be made upon request.

Listed Activities: Listing Notice 1 (Activities 12, 17, 19, 19A) and Listing Notice 3 (Activities 12, 14)

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