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MEDIA RELEASE

PLANNED WATER SUPPLY SHUTDOWN IN SEPTEMBER 2014



The municipality would like to inform the residents of Davel, KwaDela and Ermelo of the planned water shutdown in these areas from Monday the 29th of September 2014 to Thursday 09th of October 2014. The shutdown would be due to a major infrastructure refurbishment needed to optimize the efficiency of the water system that provides water to these areas.

The affected areas in Ermelo are De Bruin Park, Nederland Park, Extension 32, 33, 34, New Ermelo, John Vorster Park, Cassim Park, Ermelo Industrial Area, Cassim Park, Autumn Ridge (Nomdeni) and Extension 14.

During this water shutdown, the municipality will put in place a contingency plans wherein water tankers are going to be on stand-by and will be deployed in strategic areas of the affected wards.

Communication will be rolled out over the weekends of 20-21 and 27 -28 September to areas that will be affected by this shutdown through ward community meetings, distribution of notices, flyers by Councilors and other structures to inform residents of the schedules of the delivery of water by the water tankers.

Communities are urged not to pay from water tanks as this water is for free. If anyone is made to pay for the water this must be reported to Councilors and the Municipal Call Center immediately. Restrictions of water supply will be imposed for Davel and KwaDela. During this shutdown there will be rationing of water in Davel and KwaDela. Water will be available in Davel in the morning from 06h00 until 08h30 and in the evening from 18h00 till 19h30.

All residents including businesses and schools are urged to work with the municipality during this period and use water sparingly, report all leaks (broken pipes, open hydrants, errant sprinklers, and abandoned free-flowing wells ect.) to Municipal Call Centre at 086 116 7852 or 017 801 3500. It is important to note that this shutdown will place a tremendous strain on everybody.

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