

A fifth consecutive Greenest Municipality win for Eden DM

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Eden District Municipality (Eden DM) has once again proved that it is serious about greening and excellence in service delivery after being awarded the Greenest Municipality award for a fifth consecutive year on 27 November 2017 at the Lord Charles Hotel in Somerset West. The Department Community Services at Eden DM, which is led by Mr Clive Africa, received a cheque to the amount of R130 000.00 prize money. Eden DM achieved an overall score of 80.07%, the first runner up, namely Overberg DM achieved 66.89%, while West Coast DM achieved 63.89%.

During the official handover of the , FLTR: Mr Johan Compion - Eden DM Senior Manager: Municipal Health and Environmental Services, Mr Clive Africa - Executive Manager: Community Services, Mr Monde Stratu - Eden DM Municipal Manager, Ms Helen Zille, Premier of the Western Cape, Cllr Khayaletu Lose - Eden DM Portfolio Chairperson: Community Services and Mr Anton Bredel - Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.

Mr Africa said that: "We live in one of the most beautiful regions in the world and it is our duty to protect it for now and for future generations. It is ours to treasure, protect and enjoy". Mr Johan Compion, Manager: Municipal Health and Environmental Management said: "The award money will be spent on more environmental management projects". Cllr Lose who also attended the event said that he is "aware of all the hard work that is done by all the staff involved and he is immensely proud of the unit".

Mr Monde Stratu, Municipal Manager of Eden DM, has extended his congrats to all the departments of Eden DM for their commitment and hard work. Stratu also said that "our fellow B-municipalities, Knysna and Hessequa, also did really well and we are privileged to share a district with such talent and commitment to environmental performance management.

When Cllr Memory Booyesen, Eden DM Executive Mayor, last year said that he has taken over "a well-run machine", he committed to steer the municipality on the path to success by making sure that "management and officials receive the political support in order to promote service delivery".

Out of the all District Municipalities who participated in this year's competition, Eden DM won the following "district themes":

- Waste Management

- Water Conservation & Management

- Air Quality Management
- Coastal Management & Urban Beautification

The other district municipalities who took part in the competition include: Cape Winelands, Overberg and West Coast District Municipality.

Thirteen local municipalities participated in the 2017 Greenest municipality competition, these include: Cederberg, Swartland, Drakenstein, Langeberg, Stellenbosch, Saldanha Bay, Overstrand, Mossel Bay, George, Bitou, Knysna, Breede Valley and Hessequa Municipality.