



Congratulations!



Well done to our employees who received recognition at the annual Service Excellence Awards. The awards ceremony was held on Friday, 12 May 2023.

Noleen Dodgen, Provincial Manager of the Growth Mindset Pillar that forms part of the Department's Transform to Perform Strategy, received a silver award in the category Best Public Service Innovator Employee. She was commended for collaborating with colleagues at the Centre for e-Innovation to produce ePosters, ensuring unfettered engagement in the Growth Mindset facilitation.

Haroon Mahomed, Deputy Director-General: Curriculum and Assessment Management, was part of the Department of Cultural Affairs and Sports' YearBeyond team that won a bronze award. YearBeyond is a transversal, whole-of-society project that provides young people with work

experience, personal and professional skills and support to pathway into studies or work. The WCED assisted the programme with learner materials and some management funding.

Clive Arries, Principal of West End Primary School in Mitchells Plain, was awarded gold in the category Best Public Service Innovator Employee and Phumla Yabo, a teacher at Nduli Primary School in Ceres, won a silver award in the category Best Frontline Service Delivery Employee.

The team behind the WCED's ePortal received a finalist certificate in the category Best Public Service Innovation Team/Project.

Celebrating Africa

The annual commemoration of Africa Day on 25 May marks the founding of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), now the African Union, in 1963.

Broadway at the Cape Teaching and Leadership Institute for all educators attending courses to see.



The theme for this year's commemoration is "Our Africa, Our Future".

Staff celebrated by dressing up for the occasion. The WCED's Education Library and Information Service (EDULIS) team also set up a display in



Taking on the Comrades Marathon

Andre Filander, a Circuit Manager in the Overberg Education District, will be taking part in his 17th Comrades Marathon on Sunday, 11 June 2023. Earlier this year, Filander completed his 22nd Two Oceans Ultra Marathon.

Participants in this year's Comrades Down Run from Pietermaritzburg to Durban will have 12 hours to complete the slightly shorter 87.701km race distance. Filander said he aims to finish in less than 11 hours.

He started running in March 1999, and the rest is history. "At that stage

I weighed 110kg. Within five months my weight came down to 75kg. In September 1999 I ran my first race, the 21km Gun Run. In 2000 I entered to run the Two Ocean (56km) and the Comrades Marathon (88km). In 2009, I received permanent numbers for all marathons in Cape Town. This includes the Voet of Africa, Two Oceans and Comrades."



For the past eight years, Filander has been focussing on trail running. "My biggest achievement in trails is completing the Three Peaks Challenge ten times and I also did the Puffer 80km a few times."

Sport and Recreation Day!

The interim dates for the Provincial Sports and Recreation Days are out!

And yes! Our team colour this year is again YELLOW! After a few frowns at the colour when first allocated in 2022, it soon became evident that this was the colour to beat, as Team WCED shone brightly amongst our competitors.

Yellow has now become our "signature look"!

Information on the different sporting events and how to enter will be shared soon. Interim dates in the various districts are as follows:

Sport and Recreation Days		
	District:	Date:
1	Overberg	15 Sep 2023
2	Eden	22 Sep 2023
3	Central Karoo	29 Sep 2023
4	Cape Winelands	6 Oct 2023
5	West Coast	13 Oct 2023
6	Metro	27 Oct 2023

At work chatter

Brace yourself, Winter is here. We asked staff what is your favourite Winter accessory and why?



Yvonne Botha, ASD: Planning and Information Management, AG and Communication, Eden and Central Karoo Education District

My favourite winter item is a scarf. A scarf provides heat and warmth on and around the neck, making any outfit seem cozy. It also adds style to outfits and can be worn in so many different ways. My colleagues will tell you I am even a fanatic scarf person in summer, just with different material!



Candice Goodwin, Personal Assistant, Directorate: Policy Coordination

My favourite winter accessory is a scarf because a scarf adds warmth and style to any outfit.



Anabelle Oosthuizen, Language Practitioner, Directorate: Communication

I love my Russian Furry Long Coat. It has kept me warm on many a day when I took the train in the early morning hours. The coat is classy and comfortable while still looking professional for work and you can wear it to any event."



Carl Cooper, Deputy Director, Directorate: Internal Control

My scarf is my favourite winter accessory. It helps with keeping me warm when leaving home early in the morning.